



Salt And Light – 6/9/19

OVERVIEW

It's not often that words are so inspiring they stand the test of time both in meaning and impact. Time has a way of erasing details and minimizing the power in words. But Jesus' words stood the test of time. They spread like wildfire, taking the concept of the Upside Down Kingdom into the world and turning it on its head, calling us to be salt and light.

Scriptures: Matthew 5:10 (ESV); Matthew 5:13-16 (NLT); Luke 2:1(NIV)

APPLICATION

1. If you were to go back in time, what time period would you want to go to and why?
2. In Matthew 5:10, Jesus says, "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake." How do you define the word persecuted and what are some examples of being persecuted for righteousness' sake in today's culture?
3. Share a time when you have been persecuted for following Christ.
4. In Matthew 5:13-16, Jesus describes people who follow him as "salt and light." In verse 16, the practical means for being salt and light turns into "good deeds" for all to see. What are some ways you can be "salt and light"?
5. Share one practical next step you are going to take this week to be "salt and light."

HOMEWORK: Continue memorizing the beatitudes in Matthew 5:3-12. Partner with some friends for more accountability.

