
DAY 14 • AUGUST 18

Engaging the Campus: Salt and Light**READ: MATTHEW 5:13-16**

¹³“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet. . . . ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

MATTHEW 5:13,16**REFLECT**

You are the salt of the earth.

Today, salt is common and easy to come by. However, during Jesus’ time, it was a valuable and precious commodity. In small amounts, salt would enhance flavor, and in great amounts, it would even preserve food from spoiling. When Jesus told His disciples that they are salt, He was talking about the impact they should have over society.

If you forget the pinch of salt in any batch of food, you’ll immediately notice that something is missing, that the food is tasteless. In the same way, believers should be such an influence in this world, that people will notice when we are not around. Do our actions enhance the lives of the people around us? Do we use our words and actions to bless others?

Jesus said that salt that has lost its taste is no longer good for anything. These are harsh words, but they also show us what God called His people to be. You are the salt of the earth. This is what you are called to be, and with that understanding, it will affect the way you speak and act. In fact, a person who has been changed by the gospel cannot help but be salt in this world, preserving society from moral decay and letting his or her influence be felt.

You are the light of the world.

We used to walk in darkness. The things that we did in secret were shameful, but when the light of Christ shone on us, we became children of light. Jesus is the true light of the world. As we remain in Him, through good works, we shine His light for all the world to see and to glorify Him. By this we point, not to ourselves or to a cause, but to Jesus Christ.

RESPOND

1. How can you be salt and light to your campus and community?
What opportunities to be salt and light are available to you at home, in your campus, or in your nation? List them down and commit to do them in the coming weeks.
2. Is there a family member or friend who needs to hear the gospel now?
How can you reflect the light of Christ into his or her life this week?

PRAY

1. Thank God for the privilege of being salt and light to the world.
2. Pray for the believers around the world. Ask God to enable us to faithfully fulfill our role as salt of the earth and light to the world.
3. Pray for one nation that needs to hear the truth of the gospel.
Partner with someone in praying for that nation.