

# KINGDOM LIFE

THE CALL UPON EVERY FOLLOWER OF JESUS

## Questions for Application for the Week of January 20, 2014 Part 2 - Ever Pointing: Proclaiming His Glory and Not Mine - Matthew 5:13-16

1. Jesus calls us the “salt of the earth” and in doing so expects us to have a beneficial impact on society and those around us. Compare and contrast the ways in which Jesus would expect us to be different from the ways you think non-Christians expect us to be different. What similarities or differences exist in your mind?

2. The concept of re-salting salt is absurd and Jesus knows it (Mt. 5:13). His point is a powerful one: Christians have a purpose, if that purpose is removed, what is the point in being a Christian? Read 1 Peter 2:11-12. In what ways does that passage support Matthew 5:13 and what reasons does it give for pursuing a “salty” life?

3. Jesus draws our attention to the impact of our corporate presence together (Mt. 5:14). Reflecting upon your church attendance, what patterns do you see? What reasons would you give for not attending and why is it important for us to worship corporately together? What reasons does Hebrews 10:23-25 give about the importance of gathering corporately?

4. People would not light a lamp only to put it under a basket (Mt. 5:15). Do you find yourself pursuing after Christ only to “take yourself out of the game” when speaking with non-Christians? What are some of the reasons for us responding that way and how can we encourage one another to let our “light shine before others”?

5. Rather than our good deeds bringing us glory, Jesus promises our lives when lived righteously bring glory to God (Mt. 5:16). Read John 15:1-11 and consider Dallas Willard’s comment, “Grace is not opposed to effort, but to earning.” How does that passage encourage you to view “effort” in the Christian life?