

6. Matthew 5:15 – “put it under a bowl”

7. **Matthew 5:16** – “let your light shine before men that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”

“The church of Christ, every individual \_\_\_\_\_ of the Master, is heaven's appointed channel for the revelation of God to men. Angels of glory wait to communicate through you heaven's light and power to souls that are ready to perish. Shall the human agent fail of accomplishing his appointed work? Oh, then to that degree is the world robbed of the promised influence of the Holy Spirit!” TMB p. 40

6. Practical salt and light resources

- A. Bibleinfo.com; VOP.com; Itiswritten.com
- B. Literature such as Glow tracts
- C. “Sharing Jesus with a Pre-Christian” handouts
- D. November 3, Pacific Garden Mission; December 18, food truck
- E. Simply pray with people

7. **PERSONAL LIFE APPLICATION QUESTIONS**

A. In what ways is Jesus calling me this coming week to mingle with people and shine for Jesus glory?

Friends and family

Neighborhood

Work

## What If We Took Jesus Seriously? Part 4

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### HSDAC Mission: Develop fully committed followers of Christ



The Dead Sea area was a major source of salt in biblical times --Photo: Ron Schultz

About eighteen months into His public ministry, Jesus presented what is commonly known as The Sermon on The Mount. This mountainside experience and message became a spiritual boot camp for His devoted followers.

In this last sermon of this four-part series we continue to wrestle with the question, “what if we took Jesus seriously?” The answer: We would live out His kingdom principles as described in His provocative sermon recorded in Matthew 5-7.

In the beatitudes found in Matthew 5:1-12 Jesus describes vital attitudes and behaviors that focus on personal spirituality. In Matthew 5:13-16 the focus shifts outward as Jesus calls his followers to go and permeate the world as salt and light for Him.

1. **Matthew 5:13a** – “You are the salt of the earth”

A. How was salt used in biblical times?

–Flavoring for food

–Preservative

“Salt is valued for its \_\_\_\_\_ properties; and when God calls His children salt, He would teach them that His purpose in making them the subjects of His grace is that they may become agents in \_\_\_\_\_ others. The object of God in choosing a people before all the world was not only that He might adopt them as His sons and daughters, but that through them the world might receive the grace that bringeth salvation. Titus 2:11.” Ellen White, Thoughts from the Mountain of Blessings, p. 35

- B. What were the spiritual associations with salt?
- C. Where was salt obtained?
- D. What was the quality of salt like in Jesus' day?
- E. Being salt vs. having salt-like qualities

2. **Matthew 5:13b – "loses its saltiness"**

3. **Matthew 5:13c – "no longer good for anything"**

"Salt must be mingled with the substance to which it is added; it must penetrate and infuse in order to preserve. So it is through personal contact and association that men are reached by the saving power of the gospel. They are not saved in masses, but as individuals. Personal influence is a power. We must come close to those whom we desire to benefit." TMB, p. 36

4. **PERSONAL LIFE APPLICATIONS**

- A. **When it comes to mingling in the world for the good of others and building up Jesus' kingdom, I find that I'm**  
 . . . . .  
**Hesitant** **Eager**  
**to do so because** \_\_\_\_\_.

- B. **"In like manner Christians who are purified through the truth will possess saving qualities that preserve the world from utter moral corruption." TMB, p. 36**

**Reflect for a moment on your present "preserving" qualities. When it comes to my work place, neighborhood, friends and family, how can I exert a greater spiritual influence for Jesus and His glory?**

5. **Matthew 5:14 – "You are the light of the world"**

- A. "The Saviour looked upon the company before Him, and then to the \_\_\_\_\_ sun, and said to his disciples, 'Ye are the light of the world.'" TMB p. 39

- B. How was light made and used in biblical times?

"Most of those who listened to the words of Jesus were peasants and fishermen whose lowly dwellings contained but one room, in which the single lamp on its stand shone to all in the house. TMB p. 39

- C. How does John describe Jesus?  
 "In him [Jesus] was life, and that life was the \_\_\_\_\_ of men." John 1:4

- D. How does Jesus describe Himself? John 8:12

In the ancient tabernacle there was water in the courtyard laver (washing basin), bread on table and light from the lamp stand in the Holy Place. Jesus refers to Himself as the "bread of life" (John 6:35) and implies that he is the water of life (John 8:37). Never once does He call his followers by these metaphors. However, He is willing to call His followers "the light of the world." Amazing that Jesus would share His own designation of with us, His followers.