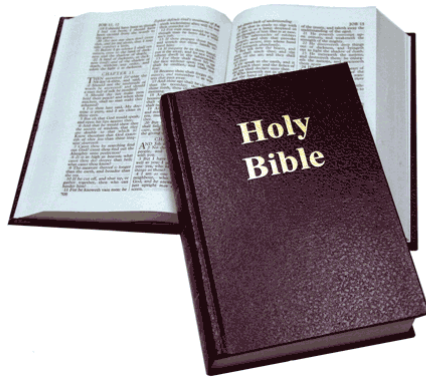


The Sermon on the Mount

STUDY 6

Reading: Matthew 5:13-16



The Distinctiveness of the Disciple

Home Fellowship Group Bible Study Questions

Tuesday 19th/Wednesday 20th March 2013

It is impossible to follow what we have learned in the previous verses in a purely private way. The righteous life will attract attention; even if that is in the form of opposition. The true influence we have in the world will first come from what we are, rather than from anything we might do. Jesus unwraps that thought in this passage.

- 1) What is salt used for and why is it a good illustration of our influence in the word?
- 2) What does Jesus mean when He talks about salt losing its taste and being no longer good for anything?

Jesus goes on to describe the witness of the Christian as that of light.

- 3) Why is the Christian described as a light; and why is it such a remarkable metaphor for us to be given?
- 4) Why is the Christian described as a city set on a hill?
- 5) How can we be lights in a dark world? What examples can you think of where that light has impacted this nation for good?
- 6) What is the reason that Jesus wants our light to shine; and as a result, how does this study now shape the way you want to live tomorrow?

A final thought: If we are living the life of verses 1-12 then we cannot help but be salt and light in society.