

# Georgetown Small Group Discussion Guide

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(The next discussion guide will be available on March 5)

## *Salt and Light* Matthew 5:13-16

1. "You are the salt of the earth." Think of what salt does – it seasons, it creates thirst, it preserves. What is true about all three? How and where do you see Christians doing each of these things in the world around us?
2. In what ways are you being salt in the world and in the lives of others? If you are able, share a story about your experience.
3. What other opportunities might there be for you, for members of your small group, or for our church to be salt? Please send your suggestions for our church to [jackd@georgetowncrc.org](mailto:jackd@georgetowncrc.org)
4. Jesus went on to say, "If the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything . . ." What are some of the things that prevent us from being salt and making a difference in the world?
5. In John 9:5, Jesus referred to himself as "the light of the world." In John 12:46 and 8:12, he tells us the purpose of his life as the light of the world. Here in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus says we are the light of the world. What is Jesus doing here?
6. Think about what light does – it makes things visible and it points the way in the dark. How do most people come to know and follow Christ? In what ways might we reflect the light of Christ and point people to Him? How are you doing that today? If you are able, share a story about your experience.
7. Why is living a Christ-like life by itself not enough? What else must we do?
8. "A town built on a hill cannot be hidden." According to Old Testament teaching, Jerusalem, which was built on a hill, existed to draw all the world to God. So what is Jesus telling his listeners? It's the same point that Jesus is making when he says, "Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl."
9. Pastor Jack spoke about our light being hidden under the bowl of insecurity, the bowl of indifference, and the bowl of inconsistent living. In what ways do these things hide our light? Share your experience with this. What else might prevent us from making a difference in people's lives?
10. In what ways might we help each other be salt and light? Be as specific as possible.
11. What do you hear God saying to you right now?
12. Close in a time of prayer.