

TAKEAWAY

The Radical King

Transformation through the story of Jesus

SALT & LIGHT

SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2020

INTRODUCTION

On Sunday, Matt looked how Jesus describes His followers using the pictures of 'salt' and 'light'. In both pictures, Jesus says salt and light are something you are, not something you try to be through hard work. This is important in seeing what He is saying. Neither salt or light are intended to draw attention to themselves. Salt enhances what it is with, we use light to show us 'truths' in a dark room.

READ

Matthew 5:13

DISCUSS

1. Salt is both a preservative (it fends off decay) and for flavouring (it makes things 'taste' better). How, practically, can Christians be good salt? Can you give any examples of where you have seen this done well?

2. Real salt cannot lose its saltiness, only 'fake' salt can. How is this reassuring when we consider Jesus' words? How is it challenging?

3. How do you know if you are salty salt or not?

READ

Matthew 5:14-16

DISCUSS

4. Jesus describes light in two ways; 'collectively' i.e. like a city visible on a hilltop, and 'individually', like a lamp in a house. Lights are only useful in places where it is dark. As followers of Jesus, we should expect to find ourselves in place which are otherwise 'dark', and where we have a choice to be 'light'. What might this look like practically?

5. What motivates us to do what Jesus says in the verses? What demotivates us?

6. How can we exhibit our good deeds in such a way that people don't think a) we are just nice people or b) we are 'the hero'? How do we point to God?

7. We said at the beginning that for followers of Jesus, salt and light are something you are, not something you try to be through hard work. How does taking hold of this help us to be salt and light in practice as we go about our days?

PRAY

