



WEEKEND RESOURCES | MARCH 12, 2023

Week One | Show and Tell

USE THESE QUESTIONS AND RESOURCES TO HELP YOU PROCESS THE MESSAGE IN YOUR PERSONAL STUDY TIME OR WITH YOUR GROUP.

Message Recap: Most of us wound up at church because someone invited us to come and see something. Jesus wants us to show and tell the people in our lives who are close to us and far from him about how following Jesus Makes Life Better. He has told us that to do that, he has made us like salt and light to preserve, protect, and light up the world around us.

» Main Points

- Jesus needs to be experienced, not explained
- You are the salt of the earth
- You are the light of the world

» Getting Started

- When you hear the word “church,” do you think of a place or people? What factors have shaped the way you view the church?

» Observation

- Read and reflect on Matthew 5:13-16
- What are your initial reactions to these passages? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

reachout

- What is a way that you can be salt or light to the neighbors or friends around you? Do they need a friend, someone to help them with something, just a wave, and a smile when they drive by? Figure out what they need and do your best to fill that need.

growdeep

- Think about a time when you changed something you believed. Did the change happen because someone convinced you with words or because of a personal experience? Explain what you mean.
- Reread Matthew 5:13-16. What are some practical ways you are salt and light in people's lives in your circle of influence?
- Share about a person God placed in your life to draw you into a closer relationship with him. In what ways did that person's influence provide you with protection and direction?
- Have you ever been around people who seemed so far from God that being salt and light in their lives seemed like a waste of time? What did you do?

partner with families

- A living example is better than a lengthy explanation; our actions speak louder than words. This week the goal for your family is to be salt and light to one of your neighbors. Bake some cookies and drop them off, chip away at some ice on your north-facing neighbor's driveway or sidewalk, invite them over for a meal, or brainstorm other ideas as a family. Talk with your kids about how we can love our neighbors by how we treat them.

» Next Steps and Prayer

- Be honest. In what areas of life are you tempted to be foolish? What is one thing you can do to better position yourself right for maximum influence with the people who are close to you but far from God?
- Close by praying that God would give you the courage to be salt and light for him in the places he has placed you.