

The Jesus Way

DISCUSSION GUIDE | March 22, 2026

BIG IDEA

Jesus tells His followers to be in the world, but not of the world.

Message title: Salt And Light

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:13-16 NIV

Why do so many Christians seem unchanged by Jesus? Jesus' answer comes early in the Sermon on the Mount- they don't understand their mission. He calls His followers to be salt and light—to live in the world without becoming of the world. When they do, their lives shine and others get a clearer picture of what God is like.

- 1. In your experience, why do people walk away from church?*
- 2. Why do you think it's so common for followers of Jesus to lose their distinctiveness?*
- 3. Where are you most tempted to “blend in” with cultural norms instead of living differently?*
- 4. Practically speaking, what does it look like for you to be “in the world but not of the world”?*
- 5. How might remembering that you are already loved, forgiven and accepted change the way you live out Jesus' mission?*

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE

This week, choose one specific way to “shine light” into our world. Show someone unexpected generosity. Offer forgiveness where it's not deserved. Serve someone with no strings attached.