

## ADDING VALUE TO THE WORLD

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Stand Out Series

LG Discussion Guide



God's desire is for His people to stand out/be distinguished; in our **faith**, in the way we **relate with our families**, in the way we **run our businesses and careers**, indeed in **every aspect** of our lives. During our "Stand Out" series this month we've learnt that Jesus never intended his followers to be called Christians, but rather disciples – which really means someone who is 100% committed to living a life of radical obedience to this Jesus. And we've learnt that three of the ways that Jesus' followers were meant to stand out or be distinguished is #1 by our radical love for one another, #2 by our embracing accountability and #3 by helping people find their way back to God.

**FOLLOW-UP:** How have you been doing this month at putting into practice what you learn each? Are you starting to stand out? Why or why not?

**DISCUSS:** Who do you consider to be the person that's had the most impact on the world and why?

Most leaders, if not all, who have made a major impact on the world have given a speech at the start of their leadership roles. Take for instance, Steve Jobs gave his annual product launch events each year to tell the world why they needed to buy apple products or every president, past and present, who has given an inauguration speech. Speeches are important and they set the tone for what people can expect from a new leader. Jesus was the same. His 1<sup>st</sup> speech was famously known as "The Sermon on the Mount"

**READ & DISCUSS:** Matthew 5:1-16

The Sermon on the mount was controversial! People were looking to Jesus to rescue them from Roman rule and instead of laying out a battle plan Jesus told people to be: Poor in spirit, meek, righteous, merciful, pure in heart, and peacemakers. He calls his new followers to be:

1. Salt: "You are the salt of the earth" – As salt, your job is to preserve, to season and to disinfect.
2. Light: "You are the light of the world" – You are strategically placed and should shine for Jesus' name sake

Both salt and light add value and goodness to the things they touch, as disciples, you must stand out by adding value to the world you live in!

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- How are you standing out in the spaces you are in? Would you say you are currently adding value to the world as salt & light? Why or why not?
- Our country doesn't need any more complaining, it needs solutions – what is one problem you have identified around you that you have a passion to solve? What do you need to do to get started?
- As light, we are to draw people to Christ. Name atleast one unchurched person you would like to share Christ with upcoming month. What strategy will you use to get them interested in Christ?

Remember, God doesn't just want us to play church or to be nice Christians. He wants us to be radical disciples who stand out by adding value to the world! Dare to stand out!