

“Go!” Part 2

Mount of Olives | June 4, 2026 | Matthew 5:14-16

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Prayer of the Day

Lord Jesus, the indwelling of your Holy Spirit is a source of overwhelming light in Your followers. At times, however, our lukewarm dedication to You dims the bright fire of Your Spirit in us and shrouds the wondrous power which possesses the might to alter the spiritual conditions in our present world. Reignite and refuel our weakening light and embolden us to fulfill Your purpose for our lives. In Your mighty name, we pray, Amen.

Scripture Reading

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Message Notes

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I Corinthians 3:6

I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.

Acts 16:4-5

As they went from town to town, they delivered to them for observance the decisions that had been reached by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem. So the churches were strengthened in the faith and increased in numbers daily.

Matthew 10:16

"See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves."

I Corinthians 14:20

Brothers and sisters, do not be children in your thinking; rather, be infants in evil, but in thinking be adults.

Study Questions – Read Matthew 5:13-16

ICEBREAKER – Getting started:

1. What is the best meal you have ever eaten, and what made it memorable?
2. Have you ever been in a completely dark place with no flashlight or electricity? What was it like?
3. What is one small act of kindness you have seen recently that stood out to you?
4. If your personality were compared to a light source, what would it be—a flashlight, spotlight, candle, campfire, etc.—and why?

Based on Matthew 5:13-16, answer the following questions:

OBSERVATION – What does the text say?

1. As you read Matthew 5:13-16, what comes to mind? What stands out? What is interesting to you and why?
2. In one sentence, how would you summarize this text?
3. What lesson or message do you think the author is trying to convey?

INTERPRETATION – What does the text mean?

1. What does Jesus mean when He calls His followers “the salt of the earth”?
2. In verse 13, what warning does Jesus give about salt losing its saltiness?
3. Why was salt especially valuable during Biblical times?
4. What does Jesus mean when He says, “You are the light of the world”?
5. According to verses 14–15, why would hiding a lamp under a basket make no sense?
6. What kinds of “good works” might Jesus be referring to in verse 16?
7. According to verse 16, what is the ultimate purpose of believers shining their light before others?

APPLICATION – How can you apply the text?

1. In what ways can you be “salt” in your school, workplace, family, or community?
2. What are some things that can weaken or hide a Christian’s influence?
3. How can your actions point people toward God instead of toward yourself?
4. What is one practical way you can shine the light of Christ this week?
5. Are there situations where you are tempted to hide your faith? Why?
6. How can believers encourage one another to remain bold and faithful in a dark world?
7. What would change in your daily life if you intentionally lived as a visible example of Christ?