

SERMON-BASED LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

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GETTING STARTED:

- 1) Tell of a time when your first impression didn't match your overall experience.
- 2) What ads immediately turn you off to the product?

MESSAGE BIG IDEA: This Matters/Church Service

MAIN SCRIPTURE: Matthew 5:13-16 (Have a group member read)

DISCUSSION

- 1) In what ways would the world be different if God was truly the King?
- 2) How have certain individuals influenced your view of the church?
- 3) Why have you chosen your areas of service to the church?
- 4) How do we, individually and collectively as the church, maintain our "saltiness"?

DIG DEEPER (Other scriptures?)

- 1) Read James 1:27 – What does it look like to “look after orphans and widows in their distress AND to keep oneself from being polluted by the world?”
- 2) Read Exodus 22:21-23 – Why is God so concerned about His people serving the poor, orphans, and the outsiders?
- 3) Read Hebrews 6:10 – Who are we showing love to when we help others?

BRING IT HOME

- 1) Read II Chronicles 20:13-17 – When we feel unprepared to approach others, what advice do we find here?
- 2) In John 13, Jesus washes His disciples' feet. Why is this type of humble service considered countercultural to the world and sometimes to the church itself?

ASK FOR GOD'S HELP

- 1) Ask God to reveal the truth of your own ways that are a poor representation of a Christian.
- 2) Ask Him to show how you can serve others throughout your day.