



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

October 13 | Matthew 5:13-16

1) Read Matthew 5:13-16... In both verses 13 and 14 Jesus gives a very direct summary of who we are as followers of Jesus. Why is it significant that Jesus said "You are" instead of "You could be" or "You might be"?

2) Jesus' statement that we are the light of the world highlights the contrast that there should be between the life of someone devoted to Jesus and the life of someone devoted to other things. Our light is useful when it illuminates darkness, so what dark areas has God given you the opportunity to be light?

How's it going? What is the next conversation you can have or action you can take to continue being a light?

3) Read John 17:14-18... Jesus doesn't tell us to distance ourselves from unbelievers, instead He's sent us to unbelievers! There is a tension of being in the world while not becoming worldly. What kind of questions can we use to gauge whether the world is influencing us or we are influencing the world?

4) Read 1 Peter 3:13-17... What value does our character and reputation have when it comes to being a light?

What is the playbook that 1 Peter 3:15 gives us when we face hostility and/or accusations?

5) From Matthew 5:16 Jesus tells us to give glory to God as people see how we conduct ourselves as salt and light. What opportunities have you had to tell someone why you do what you do? When someone praises you, how could you turn the conversation to help them see God at work in your life?