

YOU ARE SALT



Word:

Matthew 5:1-13

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, 2 and he began to teach them. He said: 3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. 8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. 10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

13 “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

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Discussion:

1. Why does Jesus refer to Christians as salt? Think of what is salt used for and why we relate with salt (Exodus 30:35, Leviticus 2:13)
2. What is the very purpose and end goal of Christians being salt of the earth?
3. What are ways we can keep our saltiness shared from the sermon?

Prayer Points:

1. Pray for our Glendale neighbor, that it will be purified and preserved and be seasoned with the gospel.
2. Pray for opportunities to evangelize in our “scattered” spot.
3. Pray for pastors and Christian leaders worldwide that they will not lose their saltiness.