



Sermon Notes:

Key Scripture: Matthew 5:13-16; Luke 14:34-35

2 Primary Things Jesus is communicating when calling us Salt and Light:

- 1. These aren't commands, they're what we are.**
- 2. You're gonna have influence and impact on the environment around you.**

Who is the salt of the earth?

Only Disciples of Jesus.

When Jesus calls His disciples the salt of the earth what does that mean?

We add flavor.

When People add salt to their food it's because something's missing. It looks fine, it smells good, but there's a missing element. As believers we present to the world what's missing.

We're a preservative.

As disciples it's our responsibility to preserve the truth of the Gospel and of God's Word. From generation to generation, we have to be the agents that prevent TRUTH DECAY.

Luke 14:34-35 - 34 "Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? 35 It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; it is thrown out.

We're Fertilizer (Potash)

When Jesus is talking about salt for soil, one of the things you need to know is that even still today, one of the things farmers use for fertilizer is a type of Salt. It's not the same as table salt which is sodium-chloride, it's potassium-oxide which we call POTASH.

When Jesus is referring to us as the salt of earth that is fit for the soil, He's referring to us as fertilizer, which means we have an impact on the environment around us in such a way that brings about life, and growth in a healthy manner.

How can salt lose its saltiness?

There are two primary ways salt could lose its saltiness would either be to be **DILUTED** or **POLLUTED**!

This goes right back to what we talk about so often, we have to be careful not to dilute the truth of God's word to tickle ears, and we have to be careful not to be polluted by the world either way rendering us ineffective.

Application:

TAKE THESE QUESTIONS TO THE LORD IN PRAYER THIS WEEK:

1. How are you getting out of the saltshaker?
2. Are there things that are diluting your saltiness?
3. Are there things that are polluting your saltiness?