

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE June 13, 2021 // Guest Speaker, Jeremiah Ramer, Lead Pastor Crossroads, Odessa, Texas www.cpcdanville.org

As we continue to look at the Greatest Sermon Of All Time, taught by the Greatest Teacher Of All Time...**JESUS**, we are reminded that we are meant to be salt & light. Salt preserves and protects from decay and corruption and light brings everything that's hidden out into the open. Jesus is driving home the idea that as His followers, we should live as people of INFLUENCE.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Who is the person or who are the people who have had the most influence in your life?

2. If you could talk to the person who most influenced you toward following Jesus, what would you say to them?

READ Matthew 5:13: The power of salt is in the spreading. How can we be genuine salt to preserve and bring the flavor of Jesus to the world around us? What keeps you being salt to those around you?

READ Matthew 5:14: The power of light is in the reflecting. Our job, our responsibility as followers of Jesus isn't to be the source of light, but it is to reflect the light, to reflect Jesus into the darkness. Talk about how the moon doesn't actually produce any light...it is an incredibly powerful reflector of the Sun's light. How can we reflect Jesus in this dark world?

READ Matthew 5:15-16: Jesus is talking about the good deeds that pour out of the lives of people who have been forever changed by the love and grace of Jesus Christ! Motives matter! Jesus is after your heart not some showy idea of spirituality.

3. If "The power of salt is in the spreading" and "The power of light is in the reflecting," why do we often keep the salt in the shaker or fail to reflect the light of Christ to the world?

READ John 8:12: Those of us who are or claim to be followers of Jesus, ask yourself: Am I truly reflecting Jesus into the darkness? If you know Jesus...does your life show the joy of knowing and following Jesus? If not, what is holding you back?

COMMIT TO MEMORY: Matthew 5:13-16