



# UPSIDE DOWN

## BEGINNING TO LIVE UPSIDE DOWN

MATTHEW 5:13-16

*"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." MATTHEW 5:13-16*

### I. Followers of Jesus are to live as \_\_\_\_\_ in a \_\_\_\_\_ world.

- A. Followers of Jesus are to live as salt in a corrupt world.
- B. Followers of Jesus are to live as light in a dark world.

*(What does that mean?)*

### II. Being salt and light is not \_\_\_\_\_ because you are agents of change in the world.

- A. Being a salt and light flows out of who you \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Being salt and light can \_\_\_\_\_ to sharing the gospel with others.

**LIFE TESTIMONY** *I can glorify God in the way I conduct myself in life.*

**VERBAL TESTIMONY** *I can glorify God by verbalizing belief and value statements.*

**CORPORATE TESTIMONY** *We can glorify God in the way we love one another.*

- C. Being salt and light \_\_\_\_\_ that good works are taking place.
- D. Being salt and light \_\_\_\_\_ glory to God, not self.

### WHERE DO I BEGIN?

Know who you are.

Be aware of your current surroundings and opportunities.

"Practice hospitality" (Romans 12:13).

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## DEVOTIONAL & HOME GROUP STUDY

1. Read Matthew 5:13-16. In what practical ways do Christians serve as “salt” and “light” in the world?

### FOR THIS WEEK

#### SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE:

MATTHEW 5:16

*"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."*

#### JOURNAL:

Matthew 5:13-16

“Christianity should be visible not only within the church. A Christianity whose effects stop at the church door is not much use to anyone. It should be even more visible in the ordinary activities of the world. Our Christianity should be visible in the way we treat a shop assistant across the counter, in the way we order a meal in a restaurant, in the way we treat our employees or serve our employer, in the way we play a game or drive or park a car, in the daily language we use, in the daily literature we read. As Christians, we should be just as much a Christian in the factory, the workshop, the shipyard, the mine, the schoolroom, the surgery, the kitchen, the golf course and the playing field as we are in church. Jesus did not say: ‘You are the light of the Church’; he said: ‘You are the light of the world’—and in our lives in the world our Christianity should be evident to all.”

WILLIAM BARCLAY

### JOURNAL Matthew 5:13-16

Read the quote by Michael J. Wilkins below. Consider how you might be displaying disrespect, rudeness or lack of courtesy in your daily interactions, then meditate on Jesus’ words in this passage of Matthew, writing out your thoughts in your journal.

*“A recent poll by the research group Public Agenda found that rudeness is getting worse in America. Seventy-nine percent of those surveyed said that lack of respect and courtesy is a serious problem. Eighty-eight percent said that they often or sometimes come across people who are rude or disrespectful. Poor customer service has become so rampant that nearly half of those surveyed said they have walked out of a store in the past year because of it. But interestingly, the people surveyed had few solutions.*

*We must show by our lives that we are different. Otherwise we are hiding our light from the world. Are we rude and disrespectful? Do we go along with the crowd that is ridiculing a player on an opposing team? Do we give the best service to our customers, whether they are customers in Wal-Mart, students at your school or parishioners in your church? Jesus tells us that his disciples won’t be rude and disrespectful if we allow the kingdom life to do its full work in us. And when we are respectful, courteous, considerate and service-oriented, the world around us will see that Jesus really does make a difference.*

*Disciples who are poor in spirit will mourn over rudeness and abuse, and we will be gentle, pursuing righteousness, practicing mercy and being peacemakers, even if it brings us grief. In so living, we will be revealed as sons of God, the true salt of the earth and the glowing light of the world.”*

2. How can the “light” of Jesus be a guide to those around us? How can it also be a warning light? What type of attitude should we have when we display His light?

*“If our warnings are given not in anger, not in irritation, not in criticism, not in condemnation, not in the desire to hurt, but in love, they will be effective.” WILLIAM BARCLAY*

3. Our good deeds should draw attention not to ourselves, but to God. What does it look like to do this? What’s the result when we do the opposite instead?

4. What happens when salt and light are not used as they are intended?

5. List any areas in which your “salt” may have lost its savor or your “light” may be hidden. What changes can you make today in this regard?

## COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

*Here’s a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you’d like to find out even more, visit [www.ccbcfamily.org/events](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/events). That’s a great spot to see what’s coming up!*

**SIGN UP FOR BAND OF BROTHERS AND WOMEN IN THE WORD.** Looking for a place to connect at Christ Chapel while learning more about Scripture? Join us for our men’s and women’s Bible studies! Band of Brothers will be taking this spring to step into a study of 1 Peter. Learn how to live out our Christian calling even when it collides with the culture around us. Ladies, come to Women in the Word and study 1 Samuel. Uncover how the lives of God’s people play a part in His story of salvation and how His redemptive love is your story too. Learn more and sign up today at [ccbcfamily.org/events](http://ccbcfamily.org/events).

**HSM FATHER AND DAUGHTER EVENT** As a parent, it’s a sweet privilege to watch your daughter grow into the woman God has purposed for her to become during these high school years. Here at Student Ministries we want to provide you with opportunities to walk alongside her as she continues to learn about who she is in Christ. Join us as we have a day at Pure Adventure dedicated to you pouring into her life through fun activities and a time of encouragement. Learn more by visiting [ccbcfamily.org/events](http://ccbcfamily.org/events).

**ISRAEL TRIP 2022** We are excited to announce the return of our annual Israel trip led by Dr. Doug Cecil. Immerse yourself in the sights, culture and breathtaking landscape of the Holy Land and see the Bible come to life. The sites you will see include Jerusalem, the Wailing Wall and the Sea of Galilee, to name a few! If you’re interested in learning more, you can visit [ccbcfamily.org/events](http://ccbcfamily.org/events) and find all the information you need.

**INSTRUMENTS IN THE REDEEMER’S HANDS** Part of our role as believers is to make disciples, and we want to equip you as we strive to reach others with the life-changing news of Jesus Christ. This year learn more about how to do that practically by taking the Soul Care class Instruments in the Redeemer’s Hands, designed to equip you to come alongside others and help them as they grow to look more like Jesus. Learn more by visiting [ccbcfamily.org/soulcare](http://ccbcfamily.org/soulcare)

**JOIN A HOME GROUP THIS SPRING** Life is best lived in a community and we want to help you find that! Home Groups are a place where you can come together with fellow believers in your life stage and grow together in your walk with the Lord, as well as live life together. This spring, join a home group and get connected with fellow believers here at Christ Chapel. A home group is how a big place starts to feel small. To learn more, visit us online at [ccbcfamily.org/connect](http://ccbcfamily.org/connect).



**LOOKING FOR THE CONNECT CARD?** Scan the QR code here to fill out a Connect Card. Our team will reach out this week to answer your questions and tell you more about Christ Chapel.

**IF YOU’D LIKE TO GIVE AN OFFERING TODAY, YOU CAN DO SO STRAIGHT FROM YOUR PHONE.** The process is quick and easy—text CCBCFW to 833-422-7200 to get started.