

Sermon Discussion Guide

Kingdom Citizens: Week 10

Prayer

Take a few moments at the beginning and end of your group time to pray for each other and for your discussion in God's Word.

Read

Matthew 5:13-16

Main Ideas

This week, we wrapped up the Kingdom Citizens series with Jesus' declaration that His followers are both salt and light- in other words, that part of what it means to belong to Christ's Kingdom is to impact our communities through acts of service, righteousness, and peacemaking. According to Jesus, it is through these good deeds that God is given glory.

Icebreaker Question

- What is your favorite seasoning or condiment to add to your food?

Discussion Questions

1. What are some of your key takeaways from this series? How would you describe what it means to be a "Kingdom Citizen"?
2. In v. 13, Jesus tells His followers that they are "the salt of the earth".
 - a. What was the purpose of salt in Jesus' time?
 - b. How does this inform our purpose in the world today?
3. What might it look like for us, as Christians, to "lose our saltiness"? Is that something we should be afraid of?
4. Where in your life do you have opportunities to "let your light shine", as Jesus puts it in v. 16?
5. As a group, read Matthew 6:1-4.
 - a. How do we reconcile these words as compared to Matthew 5:16, which tells us to let our light shine "that they may see your good deeds"?
 - b. What about our heart posture and motivation is Jesus trying to get at?
6. Can you think of some examples of how the Church has shown God's love and compassion through good deeds? What opportunities do we have today?