

## **City On A Hill - Matthew 5:13-16**

### **First Thoughts**

What does it mean to stand out?

What do you think it means for a Christian to stand out?

Is standing out and taking a stand the same thing? Why?

### **Into the Passage**

*This passage comes in the middle of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. On Sunday, Barry spoke about this passage and the one preceding it, commonly known as the Beattitudes. This study will carry on from that focusing on verses 13-16.*

*Read Matthew 5:13-16*

What are some qualities and characteristics of salt?

What does it mean to be salt of the earth?

What does it mean to be light of the world?

Why do people build cities on hills? How might that relate to Jesus challenging us to be a city on the hill?

Where are the lights in your house? What is the purpose of those lights?

In verse 16, Jesus says to "let your light shine before others." What does that mean? What is the source of light? What does being a light mean?

### **Moving Forward**

If we are salt of the earth, what are some things that cause us to lose our flavour?

If we are a city on a hill, what are some things that might camouflage us?

If we are a light to the world, what are some things that cause us to be hidden or to be a dim light?

How can we flavour, shine, and be a city on a hill?

### **Life Together**

Share about the places that you spend the most time. What are the challenges you find in being a city on a hill in those places? After sharing, spend time praying into those places and ask God to shine his light through you.

Reflect on Ephesians 5:8-10

*"For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord.*

### **SERMON NOTES**