

Sermon Discussion Guide

October 19, 2025

Use this discussion guide with your small group or by yourself, to dig into the text and theme of Sunday's message.

Key Point: How will you share the good news about Jesus?

Life Sharing: (answer one)

- 1. Describe a time when you were stuck or lost in darkness and how you found your way out.
- 2. If you were to invite someone over for a meal, which meal would you offer: breakfast, lunch, or dinner? Why?

Transition / Open in prayer

3. Have one or two of your group members share how they became a follower of Jesus and/or have grown in their faith recently.

Life Examination:

READ Matthew 5:1-16

- 4. Which "blessed" group to you most identify with in verses
- 3-11 and why?
- 5. How was Jesus' teaching surprising or inspiring for those listening on the mountainside?
- 6. Why did salt and light matter in the first century world?
- 7. What is the danger for salt and light that Jesus illustrates?

READ Matthew 28:16-20

- 8. Why would those in the presence of Jesus doubt?
- 9. What does it mean to be a disciple and how does a person become a disciple?
- 10. Why does the authority of Jesus and the presence of Jesus matter in the work of discipleship?

Life Application:

- 11. Why does our understanding of ourselves and our identity with Jesus matter when it comes to sharing our faith with others?
- 12. What are some common situations in this life that call for spiritual light?
- 13. How can a follower of Jesus ensure that their life stays spiritually salty?
- 14. What would help you grow in your discipleship with Jesus over the next three months?
- 15. Share with each other how you can personally work toward developing deeper relationships with people and creating opportunities to share your story of faith.

Life Prayers: Pray for one another and ask God to help you shine the light of the good news of Jesus in your world.