



Your group matters.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

*In your opinion, what is the most beautiful
man-made wonder in the world?*

1. A common question people ask to get to know someone new is, "What do you do?" But Pastor Tom indicated that the question really doesn't (or shouldn't) define WHO people are. So, what would be some better questions for trying to get to know someone?
2. Tasker wrote: "The most obvious general characteristic of salt is that it is essentially different from the medium into which it is put." Read **Matthew 5:13** and brainstorm the different uses of salt. Then discuss, as Pastor Tom did, some of the ways Jesus followers function as salt in the world.
3. In what ways are you most like salt in your world, or have you "lost your saltiness"?
4. Read **John 9:5**, **Ephesians 5:8-9** and **Matthew 5:14-16**, noting the progression of the light. If you are now the light of the world, how are you stewarding this gift and how can you be a better steward?
5. If light, as Pastor Tom said, reveals and guides, then what can you do to intentionally shed light on the lives and paths of your friends, families and acquaintances who are walking in the dark?

PERSONAL GUIDE

Day One: Matthew 28; Psalm 117

Day Two: Leviticus 27; Proverbs 24

Day Three: 2 Corinthians 7; 1 Kings 13

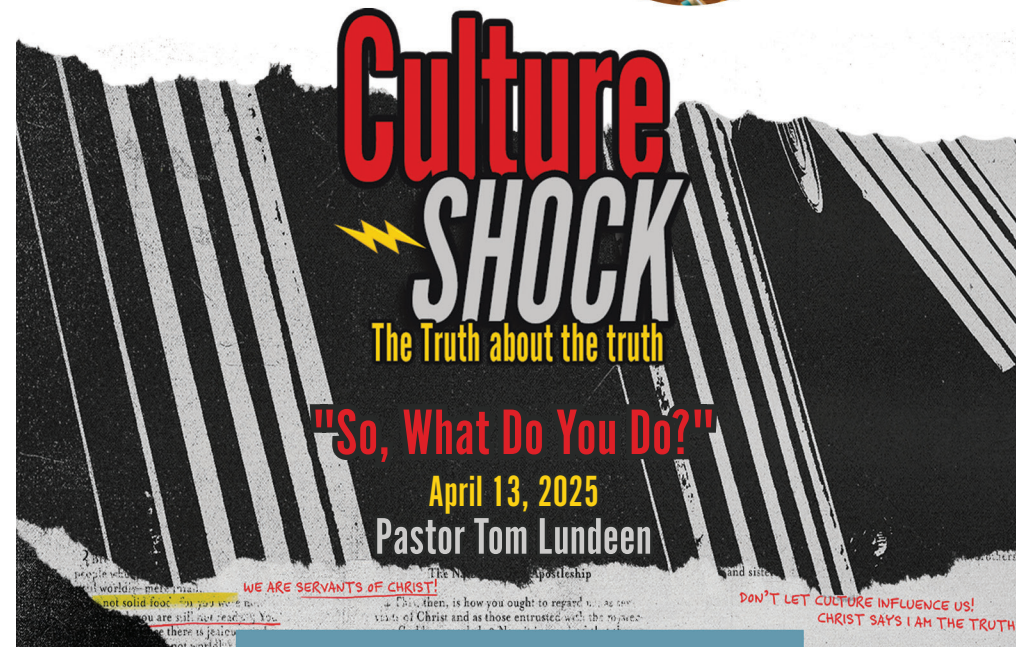
Day Four: Revelation 9; Jeremiah 51

Day Five: Song of Songs 1; Acts 5

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MESSAGE NOTES

"So, What Do You Do?"

April 13, 2025
Pastor Tom Lundeen

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And these *nearly true* beliefs are embraced by _____ types of people, including Jesus' followers at times.

We live in a culture _____ with what you do.
Our culture primarily uses this _____ to define your ability:
What you do _____ who you are.

The problem = I'll never _____ enough to _____ enough.
...Jesus tells everyone who says 'YES!' to Him as Lord who they really are because of His _____, life, and power.

1. A _____ of Salt (note **Matthew 5:13**)

Jesus followers are salt because:

- A. They are _____ - *The most obvious general characteristic of salt is that it is essentially different from the medium into which it is put. It's _____ lies precisely in this difference. So it is, says, Jesus, with His disciples. Their _____ in the world lies in their difference from it. (Tasker)*
- B. They act as a cultural _____ - low moral standards, or standards in flux or even non-existent is a _____ theme in human history. God's plan? Have more people say _____ to Jesus as Lord and spread the salt all over.
- C. They give society _____ - Jesus followers _____ a culture, neighborhood, workplace, family, etc. Their presence creates a more positive atmosphere as long as they remain _____...

2. _____ People (note **Matthew 5:14-16**)

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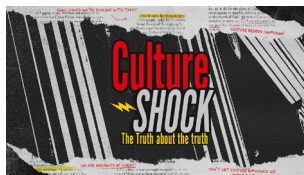
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The truth about the truth:

- If you've said 'YES!' to Jesus as Lord, what God cares about most is what _____.
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- Is He challenging you...?

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