Matthew 5:13-16

You Are Salt and Light

Statement: Realizing our Identity in Christ (vv. 13a, 14)					
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Warning: Rejecting our Identity in Christ (vv. 13b, 15)					
Command: Reflecting our Identity in Christ (v. 16)					

Application of Matthew 5:13-16

- 1. In what way may salt represent a Christian?
- 2. In what way may light represent a Christian?
- 3. Because we are salt and light to the world, what does this imply about the world?
- 4. How do the emphatic "you are" statements encourage and explain to you your identity in Christ?
- 5. How might we reject our identity in Christ and thus become useless as a witness for Christ?
 - a. Are you guilty of trying to hide your light (ie. faith) or mixing with the world and become impure? If so, ask God to forgive you and ask for His help to be a bold and bright light.
- 6. What's the motivation in v. 16 to grow in our good works?
- 7. What's the challenge in v. 16 that prompts us to consider how our good works are different than the world's, such that when they see our life they'll glorify our Father in heaven?
- 8. What might be some practical ways you can reflect your identity in Christ to the world around you so they'll see you're unique and different than unbelievers?
- 9. Meditate on the truth that God is your Father (see also Rom 8:15; Gal 4:4-7; 1 John 3:1; this phrase is repeated over and again in Jesus' sermon on the Mount)
- 10. Reflect on and praise God for what He's done in your life through Christ to give you a new identity as His child and as salt and light to the world.

Reading this week: Read Matt 5:13-16 each day this week.

Sermon Notes for Children (or Children at Heart)

Date	Pastor					
Book	Sermon Main Points			Other Bible References:		
	You Are S and L					
<u>Chapter</u>						
	W: Rejecting or					
Verses	Command: R	our Identity in	Christ (v)			
Words you he	eard during the sermon (tally each time) -			
God/Yahweh/ Father	Christ/Jesus/Lord	Identity	Light(s)	Salt	World/Earth	
	nessage about?					
What/who can you pray for?						
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