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Matthew 5:13-16

BE A DIFFERENCE MAKER

I. Introduction:

Peter Marshall's Story of the Keeper of the Spring

Christians are called to be "Keepers of the Spring." To be the difference makers in a world that is growing increasingly **dark** and far from God.

II. Jesus gives us two images of the kind of impact that believers should have.

- "You are the Salt of the earth." Vs. 13
- "You are the light of the world." Vs. 14.

III. Unpacking The Passage:

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men."
Matthew 5:13

A. The Function of Salt during the time of Jesus:

1. Salt was used as a means of _____
2. Salt added _____
3. Salt makes people _____

The Application: Believers are to prevent our culture from _____, add _____ to our culture and make people _____ for what we have found in Christ.

¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

A. Light is a visible and revealing influence.

As Christians, we are to make a visible impact on the world around us.

B. What causes people to hide their light?

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IV. Application and Conclusion:

One can one person do to make a difference?