

“What We Work For” – Matthew 5:13-16

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What is this?

This study guide is meant to help you engage with the sermon passage and content in a deeper way. Specifically, this guide will help you to consider what the Bible and sermon impact you personally, the Redeemer Church community, and your life as an agent of Gospel change in your home, workplace, community and city.

Who is this Study Guide for?

While this is designed for our Redeemer family, it can be used by just about anyone wanting to reflect on the Bible and the teaching at RBC. It can be used for individual or group study.

Sermon Summary

The Beatitudes are concluded with these verses that tell us that disciples of Jesus live in the world as salt and light. This means that we are to be agents of preservation and revelation in the world. This week’s sermon had lots of details and examples about what being “salt and light” look like, so be sure to listen/watch. Christians **are** different from those outside of Christ, and so we are expected to **be** different. It is a great privilege to be salt and light, but it also comes at a cost and is accompanied by some harsh warnings for those who ignore this calling.

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You

Review Matthew 5:13-16. How does this speak to your life?

- While we are expected to be salt **and** light in the world, which do you feel you intrigued by – the call to be a preserver or a revealer? Why do you feel that way?
- Be honest – are there places in your life where you seek glory and praise for yourself rather than trying to deflect it to God? Where do you do this? Why do you think that is?

Church

What implications does Matthew 5:13-16 have for us as a church community?

- Think about ministries at Redeemer that you are a part of. How do they function as salt and/or light in the Niagara Region?
- What do you think are the biggest needs in our area? Is Redeemer actively involved in a mission of renewal in these areas? Why? Why not? How might it be involved?

City

How does this passage speak to our city?

- Take out some paper and make a list of areas in your neighbourhood/city that are showing signs of decay. What might gospel-renewal look like in that area? How might you not only arrest the decay, but begin to reverse it?
- How is the gospel the answer to the decay of our city?