



Impact Your World

Jesus and the Sermon on the Mount

“Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock.”

— Matthew 7:24 —

LESSON THREE

IMPACT YOUR WORLD Radical Living that Points the Way

DISCUSSION QUESTION

“If you could change one thing about how you use to relate to other people, what change would you make?”

LESSON

Impact Your World: Radical Living that Points the Way

1. **You are the salt of the earth.**
 - a. Salt attracts – it makes things taste good.
 - b. Salt preserves – it keeps things from rotting.
2. **You are the light of the world.**
 - a. Light helps us to see.
 - b. Light keeps us from stumbling.
 - c. Light points the way.
3. **Jesus teaches a radical lifestyle.**
 - a. He is not abolishing the OT – He wrote it.
 - b. He is fulfilling the OT – The Word points to Him.
4. **The Word of God is sacred.**
 - a. It is eternal – don’t take it for granted
 - b. It is complete – don’t mess with it.
 - c. It is effective – don’t withhold it.
5. **Your goodness won’t get you to heaven.**
 - a. The best you know isn’t good enough.
 - b. You need a different kind of righteousness.

How salty are you? How bright are you?

Will it be obvious to people around you this week?



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Matthew 5:13-20

13 “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men.

14 “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden;

15 nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.

16 Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

17 “Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill.

18 For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

19 Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

20 “For I say to you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Think of some distinctive characteristics of light:

- *Light is silent.* No noise, no big splash, no banners—light simply shines. It's like a single lighthouse along a dark, rugged shoreline. All it does is shine.
- *Light gives direction.* No words, no sermon. Jesus says that others "see" a Christian's actions; He says nothing about nonbelievers "hearing" what a believer says.
- *Light attracts attention.* You don't have to ask people to look at you when you turn on a light in a dark room. It happens automatically.

(Charles R. Swindoll)