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Salt & Light

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Matthew 5:13-16

"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 underfoot. ¹⁴ 'You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither 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. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

- ✓ As salt invades food and light invades darkness, Christians are to invade the _____
- ✓ Christians are not to go _____
- ✓ We cannot become _____ about our faith and _____ from the culture
- ✓ Washington Alliance Church: Following Jesus as we _____, _____, and _____ together

John R.W. Stott

"We should not ask, 'What is wrong with the world?' for that diagnosis has already been given. Rather we should ask, 'What has happened to salt and light?'"

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Sermon Talks

1. What caught your attention in this week's message? Was there something you had never heard before or something you had a question about?
2. What is Jesus getting at by using the picture of salt?
3. Which of Jesus' metaphors resonates with you more, salt or light? Why?
4. What are some reasons that we would be tempted to cover up our light?
5. How do we shine our light in a way that keeps us from becoming prideful? Is it possible to stay humble and keep the glory on the Father?
6. What are some ways that Washington Alliance Church is being salt and light?
7. To shine brighter for the Lord, you must spend time with Him. Here are some ways you can do this:
 - Prioritize morning devotions. Starting your day this way can make a difference for the rest of the day.
 - Pick a verse from your devotional time and think about that throughout the day.
 - Purpose to pray more, such as, before taking a phone call, opening an email, before going into a meeting, or just random times.
 - Randomly thank God for things. Thank Him for the day, for your health, family, the breath in your lungs, etc.
 - If you have a long commute to work, spend time with God. Listen to a good Christian book, podcast, sermon, or the Bible.

Pray about it: Meditate on God's Word (Matthew 5:13-16) and this week's message.

Adoration: What can I praise God for in light of what this teaches me?

Confession: What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving: What can I thank God for in light of what He has done?

Supplication: What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?