

Sermon On The Mount - Part 2 "Salt & Light" Mike Higley/Lead Pastor June 30, 2019 Key Passage: Matthew 5:13-16

It has been said that the number one problem of the church is irrelevance. But it is not! You are not!

A. Salt

- 1. Is a preservative.
- 2. Is a flavoring.

The Christian is the **<u>representation</u>** of how life is to be lived.

- 3. Is an antiseptic.
- 4. Creates thirst.

As Jesus made people <mark>thirsty</mark> for God the Father, so do Christians make people thirsty for the <mark>real life</mark> found only in Christianity.

B. Light

1. Dispels darkness.

2. Reveals.

As Christ's presence in our world, we become his instruments to reveal <u>his truth</u> to a world in darkness.

3. Awakens.

4. Warns.

"The serene, silent beauty of a holy life is the most powerful influence in the world, next to the might of God." Blaise Pascal

Making the Impact

A. Recognize that your distinctiveness makes a difference.

B. Stay close to Christ.

The point Jesus is making that it is dangerously easy for Christians to become <u>diluted</u> and <u>lose</u> their salty, preserving influence in the world.

C. Make your works visible.

