

A Worship Study Guide for Individuals, Groups and Families for the week of December 5, 2021

Salt & Light

This week, Pastor Steve Shelby preached from Matthew 5:13-16.

¹³ "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. ¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

- What **qualities of salt & light** do you think Jesus had in mind as He spoke these words?
- What does Jesus statement, "you are the salt of the earth" tell us about **the world and the Church's role in it**? (13)
- What are some practical ways God uses WEPC as salt where we live and work?
- What would it look like for the church to "lose its taste"? (13)
- How does the church's **ministry as light complement** its ministry as salt?
- Why might we be tempted to hide the light? (15)
- What does Jesus teach will be the **impact of "letting our light shine before others"**? (16)
- How does the **Gospel give the Church power** to be salt & light in the world?
- Pray together in light of this week's passage.