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**Living With Purpose**

Matthew 5:13-16

**Key Truth:** God has created each disciple to teach another and share in His majesty. We all have a purpose from God to shine His light.

1. Live to share. **Matthew 28:18-20**

A. Make disciples.

B. Teach them to be obedient.

2. Live to comfort and encourage. **2 Corinthians 1: 3-5**

A. We are going to experience suffering

1. Share abundantly in comforting each other
2. Remember your growth

3. Live to Praise, Worship, and Pray. **Ephesians 3:20**

A. There is no one or anything more powerful

1. Prayer is aligning ourselves to the Father

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Be the example of a loving God. Walk humbly and in obedience to Him. Know your purpose.

**Connection Group Homework**

Looking back at your notes, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

What are some of your favorite foods that you simply cannot eat without salt? How do those foods taste without salt?

Have you ever had to go on a low sodium diet? If so, how significant of a shift was it for you? Did you grow accustom to it?

What is the church’s role in serving and preserving culture? What part do you play in that picture?

Read the following passages about light in Scripture: Genesis 1:3-4; Exodus 10:23; Psalm 27:1; John 1:1-5; AND 1 John 1:5-6.

What does light signify in each of these passages?

What do these verses teach us about our function as lights in the world?

John 8:12: If Jesus is the Light of the world, what does that imply about the world? What does it imply about you?

It takes time to be salt and light. What changes can you make in your routine this week so you can spend more time around those who need God’s mercy and gentleness?