# KINGDOM LIFE OUTRAGEOUS HOPE FOR ORDINARY LIFE

A WORSHIP SERIES THROUGH JESUS' SERMON ON THE MOUNT

#### Matthew 5:13-16

"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.

<sup>14</sup> "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> 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." Salt and Light

"You are the salt of the earth....You are the light of the world..."

<u>Light:</u> Illuminator / Revealer Beacon of Hope



Genesis 1:1-3

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup> And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. Revelation 21:23 And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

#### John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. John 8:12 (Jesus said) "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

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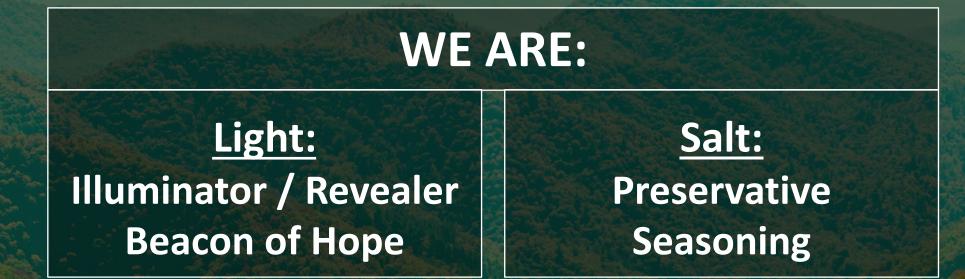
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We are more sinful than we dare face

We are more loved than we dare dream We are more instrumental than we could imagine

Because of Jesus and what he's done, our core identities have been redeemed and we are unfathomably instrumental



#### Incarnational Ministry

#### John 4:5-7

So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. <sup>7</sup> A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." Salt goes to the food; Light to the dark room.

Distinct & Relevant

John 4:16-18 Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." <sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband.

#### **Relationally:**

"People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care"

#### We live among a hopeless and broken kingdom full of pain.

**Culturally:** 

#### Personally:

We all "know" we are broken, but want healing without admitting our need.

#### John 4:25-26

The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

<sup>28</sup> So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, <sup>29</sup> "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?"

# Personally This is what Jesus has done for me

#### John 9:25, 27b

He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see...Do you also want to become his disciples?"

# The Gospel is "Good News"

# : The Salt and Ligh Beautify WE

#### "You are the salt of the earth....You are the light of the world..."

#### John 4:41-42

And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

### Redeeming, not obliterating.

Jeremiah 29:7 But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. Salt and Light : The WE

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How and Why we lose our saltiness and hide our lights

Indistinguishable or Inaccessible

#### **Conflicting Kingdoms**

We reduce the value of God's Kingdom and elevate the value of ours.

(example: I overly value the value that others give me)

# **Confused Hearts**

We just don't know how. What does it look like in real life to be salt and light? but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? <sup>15</sup> Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket...

How and Why we can be "salty and bright"

#### **Renewed Kingdom**

Jesus is fully TRANSCENDENT yet became fully IMMANENT

Perpetually grow in our belief and grasp of this.

Confused Hearts Love Outward Together: "...Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good ("beautiful") works..."







# We are all Discipling and Being Discipled

#### Sometimes we need to:

Be Quiet and Listen more Be Courageous and Speak

#### All the time we need to:

Reveal the Beauty of Jesus through Beautiful Lives

People aren't projects

Glory Goes Upward