

## **SCRIPTURE**

### **PRIMARY TEXT:**

Matthew 5:13-16

## **SUPPLEMENTAL TEXT:**

James 2:14-26; Colossians 4:6, Ephesians 5:1-21 (7-9)

# **OBSERVATION AND APPLICATIONS**

Read Matthew 5:13-16
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• What is the significance of Jesus calling His followers the "salt of the earth"?
What does it mean to be the "light of the world"?
• What might cause "salt" to lose its saltiness according to the passage? What does it mean to "hide your light under a bowl"?
• Reflect on your own life. In what ways are you currently being salt and light? Where do you see room for growth?

#### **PRAYER**

God, help us to be salt and light - to recognize that You have called us to that. Lord, shine through us. May we impact those around us in a way that points them to You and gives You glory. God, use our House Church to be salt and light in our neighborhood and community. Amen.



# S.O.A.P. METHOD

Use this tool to study God's Word

SCRIPTURE Write which passage of scripture you are reading.
<b>OBSERVATION</b> What is this text saying? What is the context? How does it fit with the verses before and after it? Are there any commands or instructions?
APPLICATION  How can you apply this verse to your life? What does this mean today? What is God saying to you?
PRAYER  Respond to the passage in prayer. Ask God to help you apply this truth to your life and spend some time listening to what He may be telling you.