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The Gospel of Matthew #36

Sermon on the Mount: Salt & Light:

Engaging Our Community: 2

THE THREE USES OF SALT

Matthew 5:13

I. YOU ARE: the three uses of salt

A. It prevents _____

B. It enhances _____

Job 6:6

C. It makes _____

Col 4:6

II. BUT IF: a warning because the uses not assumed

Salt: a mixed white powder from the Dead Sea. If salt dissolved out, what is left is useless dust

How Christians lose saltiness:

A. Not close to the _____

Isolated and ingrown.

See world from fear, not faith

B. Not close to _____

Lose beatitude distinctives

Become too much like the world

III. SO WHAT: three invasive questions:

1. Do you see the world thru the eyes of _____ or _____?

Do you want to minimize contact for you (and your family)?

2. Do you believe you are called to be _____ to the world, not salt?

Do you just want to make people feel good and like you?

3. You cannot be salt on your own. Your saltiness comes from spending time with Jesus so He transforms you into the person described in vv3-12.

What are you going to do about that?

What are we going to do as a particular church called to be salt in a particular community?

Transformed by the Gospel

Mobilized to transform our community by that same Gospel