

On Mission: The Hope of Jesus in a Broken World: Matthew 5:13-16

Questions

1. Ice Breaker: What is your favorite kind of soup? Is chicken noodle soup the best option when you are sick?
2. Our mission statement portion for today is, "The Hope of Jesus in a Broken World." What are some other words or phrases that could have been used in place of these that would still capture a similar meaning? (For instance, the team could have chosen "the love of God" rather than "the hope of Jesus")
3. What is a part of your world that is broken and needs the hope of Jesus? If you feel comfortable, share it with the group.
4. Read Matthew 5:13-16. We know from the context that being the "salt of the earth" is a good thing for the world. What are some examples of how this plays out in real life?
5. Point #1: Abstain from worldly pleasures. What are some good ways that we can try to combat diluting our effectiveness for Christ?
6. How can we help others around us, such as our friends or even our kids, abstain from worldly pleasures?
7. Point #2: Displaying Good Works. What are some "good works" our small group could do to help Christ's light shine in our community?
8. How can we pray for each other this week to throw off the worldly pleasures in our own lives?