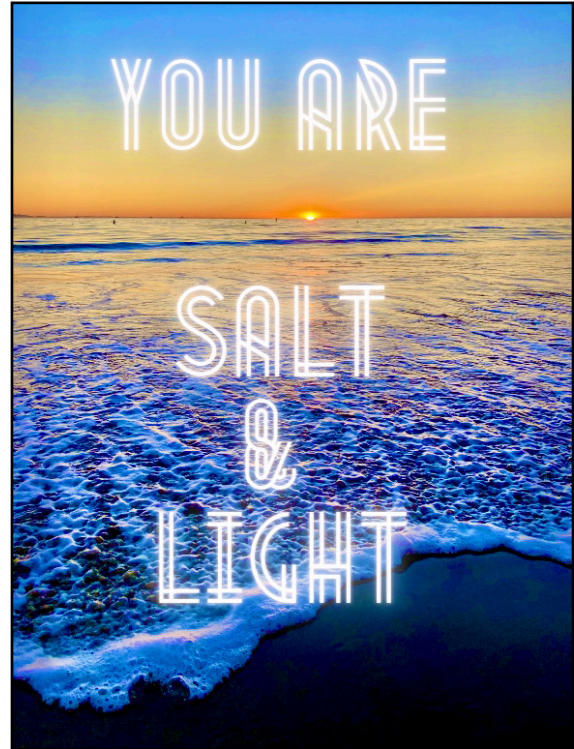


Sermon Scavenger Hunt

Matthew 5:13-20

Think about it...Recall a time you used a flashlight to see your way through the darkness. Did your flashlight benefit anyone else nearby? Without light, what might have happened to you?

Sermon Scavenger Hunt Questions...
Listen to the sermon to discover answers to the following questions.
Submit your answers for a prize!



1. The Sermon on the Mount starts with 8 heart attitudes of a Christ follower. Some people like to call them “beautiful attitudes” because these 8 characteristics teach a beautiful way to live that brings blessing. Is it possible to develop these heart attitudes without Jesus? Why or why not?
2. How have you been tempted in the past to blend in at school or among your friends so that people didn’t single you out as a Christ follower?
3. Jesus wants us to live as citizens in this world without being conformed by worldly morals and values. One of the ways we do this is by understanding our identity in Christ. Read Matthew 5:13-20. What two images does Jesus use to describe our identity as Christ followers?
4. Salt adds flavor, acts as a preservative, melts coldness, heals wounds, etc. What was one unusual way people used salt in the ancient world?
5. Salty Christians help preserve goodness and keep our world from going bad. How does a Christian lose his or her saltiness?
6. We shine our light so that people may see our good deeds and glorify _____ (fill in the blank). Hint: see Matthew 5:16.

7. True or False. Being salt or being light isn't something we do, it is who we are. It's our identity because of Jesus. We are light because Jesus is shining through us.
8. Living like Christ isn't about putting on a super suit (like Frozone in *The Incredibles*) and making the incredible possible. Living like Christ begins with our Super Savior, who transforms us from the inside out. This is a good thing because Matthew 5 sets the bar for righteous living pretty high. How do you think a Christian's righteousness exceeds even that of the zealous law-keeping of the scribes and Pharisees who had counted 248 commands and 365 prohibitions of the law and tried to keep them all?
9. We are called to a different kind of righteousness than the Pharisees and teachers the law, who took pride in their outward conformity while their hearts remained impure. The right living Jesus wants comes from the inside out. It is a righteousness of the heart. Look up Romans 6:17; 2 Corinthians 5:17; and Hebrews 8:10. What do these verses promise Christ followers?
10. Make a list of some of the good things that would be missing in our world if Christians weren't salt and light.

Memory Verse Challenge: Matthew 5:3-10

Use hand motions to aid memory of The Beatitudes. At the end of February, submit your memory verse video to LauriHaugen@elmopres.org for a prize!

The Beatitudes	Handmotions
Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.	Drop head in repentance, then make crown with your hands upon your head
Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.	Look sad then rock a baby
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.	Flex arms, turn flexed arms upside down, now make a round earth with arms
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.	Feed self, then hold up right hand, next rub tummy
Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.	Use right middle finger to touch center of left palm, repeat with left middle finger on right palm...represents Jesus' nails in his hands
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.	Draw a heart on your chest with your fingers and then make glasses with your fingers and hold to your eyes
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.	Make a peace sign and then point to self and then point "up" to God
Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.	Make a jab motion like a pirate fighting with a sword, then hold up your right hand, and finally make a crown with your hands upon your head