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Gospel of the Kingdom-Glory Giving Works

Matthew 5:13-16

Summary – In the context of the Beatitudes Jesus tells us what we are and what we should be doing. We are salt and light. We don't try to be these two; we are these two and because of who we are our lives must be engaged in glory giving works. Jesus warns there are two thieves who destroy our good works and we must be vigilant to guard against them.

Scripture – Ephesians 1:17-19, 3:8; Philippians 4:8; Hebrews 10:24; Romans 1:15; Matthew 21:28-32; Psalm 118:23.

Community Group Questions

Introduction

- “The nature of a creature is displayed by what it does.” Why does Jesus identify the believer as salt and light?
- How can the two enemies, fear and pride, rob your identity in Christ?

Salt

- “Salt should be flavor but not the focus.”
- How can we be the “salt” that preserves what’s good?
- Salt was very valuable. Why is it important to understand your value?

Light

- What does it mean to be a lamp and not a laser?
- What is the significance of “light” beginning at home?
- “Glory has one destination!”
- “The light we shine is the good works we are involved in.” How can you better live out your identity as salt and light?

