

A Better Way to the Good Life
Week 4: An Identity of Influence
Matthew 5:13-16

1. How is your life as a follower of Jesus distinctive? What would someone you know who doesn't follow Jesus say about your life?
2. What did Jesus mean by saying, "You are the salt of the earth"? To what extent do you and your circles of Christ followers bring the "preserving quality" and "flavor" of Jesus to the decaying and bland world around you? What would you say to someone who says that following Jesus is boring?
3. What did Jesus mean by saying, "You are the light of the world"? Do you tend to see our culture through the lens of Jesus, or Jesus through the lens of our culture?
4. One of the bottom lines of Jesus' teaching can be summarized in this way: "Who you are comes before what you do. What you do reveals who you are." How does this message both challenge and encourage you today?
5. Which of the following action steps will you commit to this week.
 - Take a step of learning with someone who has a different perspective than you.
 - Take a step of greater vulnerability.
 - Invite someone outside the church to take a step towards our church community.