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The Church is Salt, Light, and a City

Out of our otherworldly, Jesus-centric community, enhance and illuminate those in your world

1. By our _____ as Jesus' Church, we enhance the lives of others near us

Matthew 5:13

Matthew 5:1-12

We're either living _____, _____ as salt and light and a city or we're not living out who we are

Psalms 107:33-34

Jeremiah 48:9

Numbers 18:19

2 Chronicles 13:5

Jesus is apparently thinking of the function of salt as a preservative, as the enemy of decay, and as giving taste to food. What is good in society his followers keep wholesome. What is corrupt they oppose; they penetrate society for good and act as a kind of moral antiseptic. And they give a tang to life like salt to a dish of food.

Leon Morris, *The Pillar New Testament Commentary – The Gospel According to Matthew.*

"If you and your church were to disappear off the face of the earth tomorrow, would anyone in the community around you notice you were gone? And if the community did even notice would they say 'we are really glad they are gone', or 'we are really going to miss them'?"

Timothy Keller

2. By our nature as Jesus' Church, we provide light to those in _____

Matthew 5:14-15

Isaiah 60:1-3

What if people thought of Trinity Church as a _____ in our community that would provide them somewhere to be safe?

John 8:12

Ephesians 5:8-10

3. The light shines on the _____ when we shine His light on others

Matthew 5:16

Your light is, of course, a borrowed light. It is because they have received light from Jesus that the disciples can shine in the world. So refers back to the preceding: "let your light shine in the aforementioned way" . . . The good works are to be seen, not in order that the doers may be congratulated as fine, upstanding servants of God, but in such a way that the observers will give glory to your Father. There is to be no parade of virtue, no attempt to win praise for oneself. It is the light that is to shine, not those privileged to be the bearers of the light. People will always see the deeds that disciples do, and disciples are to make sure that when that takes place it is the light that they will see. And that they will see it in such a way that they will praise God.

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We are quick to communicate that what we do flows from what's been _____ for us and our hope is that they'll see the Jesus loving them through us

"These images all point to the existence of a community which is different. It is God's restored people of the prophetic vision . . . By conserving its unique character as God's contrast-community, the people of God truly become a people in mission . . . As Jesus reminds us in Matthew's Gospel, the missionary task calls both for the renewal of the church to more authentic peoplehood under God and for making 'disciples of all nations' (Matt. 28:19)."

John Driver, *Images of the Church in Mission*

Now What? Out of our otherworldly, Jesus-centric community, enhance and illuminate those in your world