

# Sermon Notes

1. Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ in this \_\_\_\_\_ world. (*John 1:1-6*)

\***Pray:** for the people of Red Oak, especially the people you know personally

\***Take Action:** invite people to come to service with you next Sunday

2. Don't be \_\_\_\_\_ to let your light \_\_\_\_\_.

(*Matthew 5:13-15*)

\***Pray:** for God to fill you with His Spirit (*Acts 1:8, Philippians 2:15, 16*)

\***Take Action:** get a shirt, buy a ticket, come early, don't be weird, tell people that our church cares, invite people to come to The Oaks on Sunday

3. \_\_\_\_\_ people how you \_\_\_\_\_ to the light.

(*Acts 26:12-16*)

\***Pray:** for Divine Appointments

\***Take Action:** be ready to tell people what Jesus has done for you and how The Oaks stands ready to help them

4. \_\_\_\_\_ people with you as you \_\_\_\_\_ in the light.

(*Acts 26:16-18*)

\***Pray:** for weekend services, especially for people to come to Christ at the altar call

\***Take Action:** Training, Mon., Oct. 11, North Auditorium, 7pm

## Getting Started:

1. Have you ever had a job where you had to sell things (i.e. a car, a set of knives, a candy bar...)? How did you like it?
2. Have you ever had the opportunity to share your faith or talk about your relationship with God with someone?
3. What are the similarities and differences between 1 and 2?

## Going Deeper:

This week we begin, *FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS*. In this series, we are looking at what it means to be "children of light". There is a battle between Light and Dark. The battle is real and the stakes are eternal. Pastor Scott talked about Jesus being the Light of the World, and because of this we are called to reflect the Light. This idea of light is a theme used throughout the Old and New Testaments. In the book of Matthew, we find the author imploring his audience to be "salt and light". Let's take a look closer at what this means practically for us.

### Read *Matthew 5:13-16*:

1. What does the phrase "salt of the earth" mean to you?
2. Salt has 4 basic characteristics:
  - a. It is a preservative antiseptic to prevent spoiling
  - b. It is a flavor enhancer
  - c. It can serve as fertilizer
  - d. It causes people to become thirstyLooking at the above characteristics of salt, how can each of these translate to our life as Christ followers? What is Matthew telling us to do/be, if we are to take on the characteristics of salt?
3. Light is also used for many purposes. Here are 5 main characteristics of light:
  - a. It serves to guide people in unknown terrain
  - b. It repels nocturnal animals/creatures
  - c. It reveals things that otherwise would go unseen
  - d. It serves to heal wounds
  - e. It is a source of nutrients for growthLooking at the above characteristics of light, how can each of these translate to our life as Christ followers? What is Matthew telling us to do/be, if we are to take on the characteristics of light?
4. We are called to be light, specifically in a world of darkness; we are also called to be salt in a world that has lost flavor. Do you think this call to be salt and light; is a call to you specifically? How are you doing being salt and light?
5. How can you, as a group, help one another be "brighter and saltier"?

**Acting Out:**

1. Write down one practical way that you can be salt (directly related to one of the characteristics of salt) this week. Do the same for light. Try to be specific.
2. Discuss how you will measure it if you are successful being saltier and brighter.
3. Discuss attending the Red Oak football game this coming Friday as a group. What will it look like to be salt and light, in this venue, as a group?

**Further Reading:*****Matthew 5******John 1******Acts 26******I John 1***