

THIS IS US

OUR MISSION, VISION, & VALUES

Discussion Guide | Week 5: Our Vision | February 23, 2020

KEY VERSES Matthew 5:13 (ESV), Mark 9:50 (ESV), 2 Kings 2:21 (ESV), 2 Corinthians 4:5 (NLT2)

BIG IDEA

VISION: TO BE A DISCIPLE MAKING CHURCH THAT BRINGS HOPE AND HEALING TO OUR COMMUNITY.

KEY POINTS

When Jesus says that you are the salt of the earth, it means:

1. You are VALUABLE.
2. You are UNIQUE, with unique gifts & a unique calling.
3. You are meant to represent God's healing & restoration to our COMMUNITY.
4. You are meant to preserve & transform the CULTURE of our community.
5. God can use the dark parts of your STORY to glorify Him.

REMEMBER As you think back to the message, what stood out to you? For instance, was there something shared about salt & its purposes that surprised you? Explain. If you need an inspiration to remind you, check out the pics of salt that were shown on the screen (see page 2).

REFLECT Brad mentioned that being the salt of the earth means recognizing that we represent God's healing & restoration to our community. So let's get a bit more specific here: What do you think that looks like here in Shelby County? What healing do you see that our community most desperately needs? And how does the good news of the gospel come into play there? Explain.

RESPOND Being the salt of the earth also means preserving & transforming the culture of our community. When you look around, what parts of our community need to be preserved, and which parts need to be transformed? Why? Is the Holy Spirit revealing anything to you these days about what our role should look like as we seek to preserve & transform our community?

REAL LIFE It's easy to forget that the darkest parts of our story are often the saltiest – the very things that God uses to shine light & bring healing to the dark places around us. When you think about your own story, how is the Holy Spirit asking you to boldly share about your struggles & brokenness this week? And with whom? How might he use your sharing to bring him glory? Explain.

PRAYER TIME This week, our church is beginning to follow up with folks who made decisions to trust Jesus during Wild Game Feast weekend. Spend a few minutes praying for those reaching out to connect with our new brothers & sisters in Christ to begin discipling them. Ask the Holy Spirit to do a great work in their lives to help them begin to grow in their faith & put down deep roots.

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