

GROW GROUP QUESTIONS

Announcement: Please review the Grow Group Commitment document with your group in September to set the stage for your group this fall.

Prayer Guide sample using “PRAY”:

- **Pray:** Praise God for who He is.
- **Confess:** Humbly bring any places where you’ve lost your “saltiness.”
- **Ask:** Invite Him to show you and your group how to shine light this week.
- **Yield:** Submit your plans and trust that God will use you to bring Him glory.

Ice Breaker: Who is someone in your life that seemed “ordinary” but made a lasting impact on you? What made their influence so strong?

Discussion Questions:

Read Aloud Matthew 5:12–16

- When have you seen God’s people make a real difference by being different from the culture?
- What are some ways Christians can lose their “saltiness” in today’s world?
- What are some common reasons people might hide their faith, and how can we overcome them?

Going Deeper

- Verse 16 says our light should shine so people “see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.” What’s the difference between good works that point to *us* and good works that point to *God*?
- What kinds of “good works” do you think speak the loudest to people who do not believe in Christ?
- What does it look like when a Christ follower is “oversalting” his or her interactions with the world and how can we avoid it in our own lives?
- In what practical ways can Christ’s followers prevent moral and spiritual decay in the world?

Application

- Where in your life do you feel God calling you to be “salt” (preserving, bringing out flavor, slowing decay) this week?
- Where do you have the opportunity to be “light” (guiding, revealing truth, pushing back darkness) in your family, workplace, or community?

