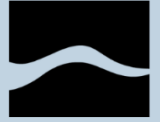


# SERMON NOTES

## SALT AND LIGHT

Matthew 5:13-16



BIG IDEA: Christians have influence, and they should use it.

# APPLICATION GUIDE

FEBRUARY 16, 2025

## DISCUSS

How does knowing you have been redeemed to influence the people around you, among other important purposes, encourage or convict you?

Read Romans 1:18-32. What characterizes a decaying culture? Which parts of this passage describe the culture in which we live? How can Christians use our influence to prevent further decay?

In what ways might prayer enhance our influence?

In what areas do you have influence?

## APPLY

Are there parts of your life where you regularly encounter falsehood? What can you do to guard against being pulled into it?

Are there areas of your life where you've significantly undermined or even ruined your influence? Christ offers forgiveness and new life to all who entrust themselves to Him. Do you believe that? What might evidence of repentance look like for you?

What does having influence look like for you?

## COMMIT

Pray for governing officials and other persons of influence in our culture this week.

Pray for others in your discipleship group as they use their influence in God's chosen arenas.

Where will you deliberately and intentionally apply your influence in the upcoming weeks?