



Engaging Influencers

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Focus God wants us to be influencers, and He wants us to be engaged in society.

Fun If you didn't have the light from your cell phone or another similar device, how would you deal with a power outage at night?

Review Key Scriptures: Matthew 5:13–16; John 8:12

1. You are salt.

Romans 1:21–22

Salt has been used throughout history to preserve food and add flavor. God calls us to preserve society from annihilation and make God taste good to others. Don't lose your ability to influence and preserve.

2. You are light.

John 9:5, 12:35–36

Jesus called us the light of the world! He is the source, the bulb and electricity, and we are the lamp. If we don't let Him shine through us, darkness will overtake the world. God purposely places us in areas of influence to bring light to others.

Group Dynamics Idea Show the effectiveness of one light in a dark room and how quickly the whole room lights up when we share with others. You can do this with cell phones by turning off the lights and then having people turn on their phone flashlights one by one.

Discuss

1. Read Numbers 18:19. What type of covenant is mentioned? How long is this covenant?

2. Salt is a preservative. Not only does God preserve the souls of the saints, but He also desires us to preserve our society. How can we be salt?
3. Salt makes things taste better, but it can become useless. In Matthew 5:13, the Greek word for “lose its flavor” is *moraino*. In Romans 1:22, this word is also used. How is it translated? If we lose our flavor, what type of influencers are we?
4. Salt is purified when it is close to rocks, and the water washes it. According to Ephesians 5:26, how are we washed?
5. In Matthew 5:14, Jesus says we are the light of the world. How is this possible? (Read John 8:12 and John 12:36.)
6. Light is a penetrating influence. How many lights does it take to light a dark room? When we share the light, as we do in a candlelight service, how quickly is a room filled with light?
7. We need to shine the light. Where has God placed you to be an influencer? How can you share the goodness of God and the Light of the world?

Take Home As we conclude, remember the following:

- Salt is a preservative. Our presence in society is preserving our society.
- Salt makes things taste better. We need to be like flavorful salt making God taste good.
- The washing of the water over rocks purifies salt. Staying close to Jesus (the Rock) and in the Word will keep us pure.
- We are the light of the world because the Light lives in us.
- God places us in areas of influence to be a light.

Prayer Lord, thank You for Jesus and how He washes us with the water of the Word. I choose to stay close to You and read Your Word daily, so I will be salt that makes You taste good. Remind me of who You have given me to influence. Give me boldness to be salt and light everywhere I go. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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