

Salt and Light and Fulfilling Commandments:

I. Matthew Salt and Light 5:13-14

13 "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

14 "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Beginning questions regarding Matthew 5:13-14:

- 1) What does it mean for Disciples to be Salt and Light?
- 2) Why the temptation to hide the light?
- 3) How does salt and light relate to the Beatitudes?

II. Fulfilling Commandments 5:17-37:

a. Abolish or fulfill law and prophets? (vs. 17-20)

b. Anger (vs. 21-26)

c. Lust (vs. 27-30)

d. Divorce (vs. 31-32)

e. Oaths (vs. 33-37)

f. [Next weeks: Retaliation, Loving the Enemy, Giving to Needy, Lord's Prayer...]

Beginning questions from Matthew 5:17-37:

- 1) Why would critics think Jesus had come to abolish the law?
- 2) Why do you think Jesus spoke not only of the law, but of the "law and the prophets?"
- 3) How are the "personal sins" spoken of here related to faithlessness?
- 4) What is an example of an "oath" today?

Notes for Inductive Study Approach:

1. See things whole—get a bird's eye view before a worm's eye view.
2. Questions: Who? What? When? Where? Why? How?
3. Comparisons or Contrasts
4. Recurrence/repetition
5. General and Particular
6. Interrogations
7. Conclusion and/or Climax

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****Top Recommendations**

Spring 2019 – Schedule for Bible Study Hour:

March 13	Overview: Matthew and the Gospel's Core (5:1)
March 20	Salt and Light, Blessed and Honored (5:2-16)
March 27	Fulfilling Commandments (5:17-37)
April 3	Maturity on Display: Love Your Enemies (5:38 – 48)
April 10	Now, About Prayer (6:1-18)
April 17	Paying Attention (6:19-34)
April 24	Review Week
May 1	Summing Up: Straight Forward and Simple (7:1-12)
May 8	Summing Up: Being and Doing (7:13-27)
May 15	Summing Up: Our Response (7: 28-29)