

Sermon Resource Guide

Sermon on the Mount | Week 3



This resource is intended to aid you as you study this week's Scripture passage (Matthew 5:13-16) on your own, with others, or even in your Gospel Community. Please visit the URL in the box below in order to access this week's article by John Stott.

Four Ways Christians Can Influence the World | by John Stott

In this article from *Christianity Today*, John Stott explores Jesus' proclamation in Matthew 5:13-16 that Christians are salt and light:

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.

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. 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.

Matthew 5:13-16 ESV

What is the nature of the influence Christians should have in a deteriorating and dark world in desperate need of preservation and light? Further, what power do Christians have to exert influence for Jesus?

Read Stott's article, in its entirety, here:

<http://bit.ly/saltandlight>