

Going Deeper

Your weekly guide to understanding God with others

Jesus Says - Week 2

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Introduction

Jesus calls us all to be the salt and light in a world that has many dark and tasteless places. Every day we have many opportunities to represent Jesus as we go about our daily routines. However there is also a risk that we can miss the moments that the Holy Spirit gives us if we are not aware of them. The challenge for us all is to be alert to the opportunities that arise, and then to be obedient in that moment to the prompt of the Holy Spirit; where we can potentially be a bright spot in another person's dark day.

Bible Passage

Matthew 5:13-16

Discussion

1. Jesus calls us to be salt and light. What does this mean to you? How can we do this in a positive way?
2. Why is the idea of being salt and light a challenge to us?
3. Read Acts 10:37-38. We too have the power of the Holy Spirit living in us. Share a time that you have responded to a prompt from the Holy Spirit to encourage someone who doesn't know Jesus. What was the outcome?
4. Sometimes our obedience to the nudge from the Holy Spirit is the win; even more than the potential outcome. Have you ever had an experience of this?

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5. On average it takes 8-14 encounters with Christians for someone to take the next step towards accepting Jesus. Discuss.
6. One in four Australians would come to church if asked. Have you ever invited someone to church or on a step of the Christian journey? What was the outcome?

Respond

We are all called to be salt and light, and to carry the representation of Jesus into the world in which we live. Take a moment now to plan a way that you can take one step this week to be just that. Who are the people that are in your world that need to know Jesus? What is one next step that you can take in showing them Jesus? Maybe invite them to church or to do Alpha with you? Maybe it is just an act of kindness to show them the love of God. Take one new step this week and share with the group next time you meet.

