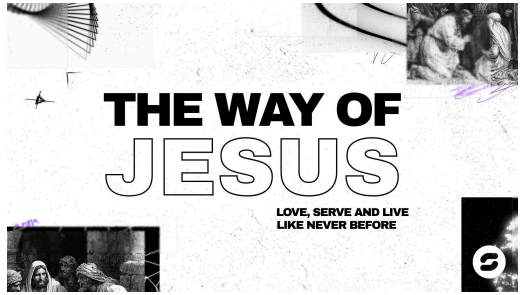


STUDY GUIDE

November 9



STAY IN THE LOOP

Announcements

- Be part of the festive fun! Join us for the **Christmas parades** in **Kemptville (Nov 15, 4:30pm)**, **Prescott (Nov 21, 7pm)**, and **Winchester (Dec 6, 7pm)**. Sign up in the lobby to participate!

START WITH PRAYER

Use this Prayer Prompt

Praise God for calling us to be salt and light in the world, giving our lives purpose and meaning. Praise God for His presence and truth, which guides and sustains us even in a dark and decaying world. Ask God to help us to shine our light and preserve what is good, living distinctly for him so that others may see Jesus through our words and actions.

STUDY THE BIBLE

Think through and discuss your reactions as you read through Scripture:

Matthew 5:13–16

Leviticus 2:13

Psalms 27:1

Isaiah 60:1–2

John 8:12

STIR UP DISCUSSION

How does this week's teaching affect me personally?

1. Jesus calls His followers "the salt of the earth." What does it mean for you personally to *preserve* and *flavor* the world around you? Where might your "saltiness" be fading, and how can you renew it?
2. Salt only works when it leaves the shaker. In what areas of your life have you kept your "salt" in the shaker? What practical steps can you take to bring God's truth and love into those spaces?
3. Jesus didn't say, "You *should be* the light of the world," but "You *are* the light." What does this tell you about your identity in Christ? How might embracing that identity change the way you live or speak this week?
4. Jesus warns against hiding our light under a bowl. What might "hiding your light" look like in today's world? What fears or barriers make it hard for you to let your light shine openly?
5. Our good deeds are meant to lead others to glorify God, not us. When have you seen someone's faith draw attention to God rather than themselves? How can you live in a way that points others toward Jesus rather than personal recognition?

STEP INTO ACTION

Let's try to apply this by taking some Next Steps.

1. **Examine Your Saltiness** – Reflect on areas of your life where your faith may be "hidden" or compromised, and ask God to help you live with distinctiveness and integrity.
2. **Let Your Light Shine** – Identify one way this week to intentionally show God's love or truth to someone, whether at work, school, or in your community.

3. **Point Others to God** – Ensure that your actions, words, and decisions glorify God rather than seeking personal recognition; practice humility and intentional witness.