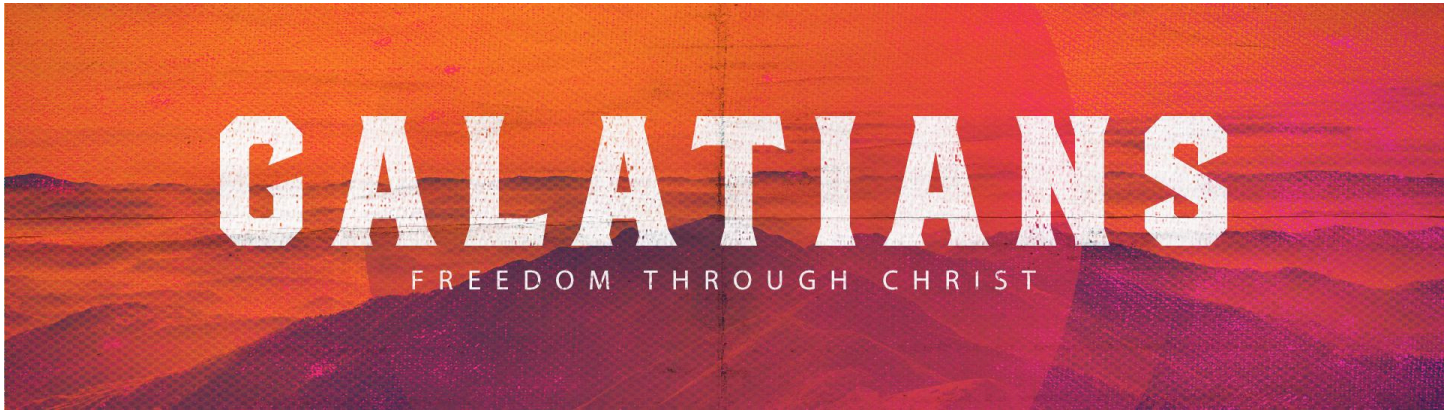


Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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BIBLE PASSAGES

Matthew 5:13-16 - Salt and Light

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Connect:

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, and take time to fellowship.

Care:

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

Challenge:

1. Sharing Jesus with others can feel uncomfortable or nerve-racking. What are some of the reasons for that? What fears come to mind?
2. God often calls us into situations where we need to depend on Him instead of ourselves. Share a time when God worked through your weakness or discomfort.
3. The first circle is brokenness. What are some ways people try to escape or cope with their brokenness? How have you personally seen that "peace doesn't come from creation; it comes from the Creator"?
4. Jordan said, "Salvation isn't about what you achieve, but who you believe." Why is it so easy for us to drift toward performance and self-effort instead of relying fully on what Jesus has already done? How does the gospel free us from a "works mindset"?
5. "Saved people are sent people." What does living a "sent life" practically look like in your current season of life? Think about your different areas of influence - work, neighborhood, family, everyday routines, etc. Who is God placing on your heart to pray for an opportunity to engage with intentionality?
6. Jesus calls His followers to be "salt and light" in a broken world. In a culture that often encourages Christians to stay silent or blend in, what does it look like to faithfully and positively influence others with truth, grace, and hope without becoming combative or judgmental?

Clarify:

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

Celebrate:

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

KEY TAKEAWAYS