

BELPRES CHURCH

JUST DO IT

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¹³“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot.¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, 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 in heaven.

²⁴“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. ²⁵ The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. ²⁶ And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!”

Matthew 5:13-16, 7:24-27 (NRSV)

Discussion Questions: Please read Matthew 5:13-16, 7:24-27

1. We all have some sort of "Jesus Story", what is yours? Who do you say Jesus is?
2. Read Matthew 5:13. There were two functions of salt in the ancient world. Salt was first a preservative intended to stop the decaying process and then as flavor agent further enhancing the good that is already present. Where do you see the need for preservation and flavoring in your families, neighborhoods, workplace, schools and community? How do you feel Jesus is calling you to engage and influence these areas for His redemption & revival?
3. Read Matthew 5:16. Jesus teaches that the purpose of our influence is to expose others to the love of Jesus so that they would give glory to God. How do you see Jesus using you to show God to the people in your life? What areas of your life are distinct and different from the world around you? Where in your life is it challenging to be distinct and different?
4. What does it mean to "hear" the Word of Jesus? How do you hear his Word in your life? What practices &/or disciplines do you engage in to listen to the words of Jesus?
5. Jesus teaches us his Word for us to follow, but the world also presents us with a "word" of its own. What other "words" from our culture or community compete for our attention and affections?