

# Re-Radicalized

## Devotional on the Sermon on the Mount

Week 2

### Day 6

Praise (Reflect on what you're grateful for from time with the Lord over the weekend)

Read the text: Matthew 5:13-16 (Focus: Values and Purpose)

Ask questions & interpret the context:

- Begin with comparing and contrasting the values of the culture you live in with the values of the culture you are to exhibit (the Beatitudes, 5:3-12, who you are, your identity).
- This leads to what you do, your purpose. How would you describe your purpose?
- Consider what it means to be salt and light, your key purpose as a follower of Jesus.

Summarize: Now take a moment to go back and pour over your observations as well as your responses to the questions.

Engage with God: Bring your thoughts, questions, and desire for change to the Lord for his forgiveness, wisdom, correction, guidance, and direction.

#### Extra Questions To Consider

1. What is the Lord saying to you personally?
2. What do you need to pray about?
3. With whom does the Lord want you to share this devotional?
4. Who has the Lord placed on your heart to pray for and invite to church?

#### Digging Deeper

- To begin, consider how our church values relate to the Beatitudes (5:3-12):  
**In our relationship with God we value:**  
The mercy of God • The truth of God • Intimacy with God • God's rulership and spiritual leading in our lives • Brokenness (spiritual humility) • Spiritual passion (wholehearted commitment)  
**In our relationships with each other:**  
Integrity and authenticity • Faithfulness and reliability • Christianity as a lifestyle • Care and quality in ministry • Servant leadership • Christian unity • Non-controlling relationships  
**In our relationship with the community:**  
Healing to the whole person • Friendship outreach • Bridge-building to other churches • Cultural awareness • Helping the poor • Community involvement
- Why do you suppose we are often confused about identity and purpose?
- What are some sub-purposes of the church? (Examples: Matthew 16:17-18 [a force]; Matthew 18:15-17 [a fellowship]; 1 Corinthians 10:31 [for the glory of God]; John 13:34-35 [love one another]; Psalm 150:6 [worship])
- Why do you think we need to choose Jesus' statements that *you are salt and light* for our key distinct purpose?