
Vision:

1. The faculty or state of being able to see clearly and accurately.
2. The ability to think about or plan the future with imagination or wisdom. A preferred future.

Because of Jesus you are a VIP (Very Important Person.)

Matthew 5:13-16; 28:18-20 | Acts 1:8

Salt

- Enhances
- Protects
- Heals

Light

- Reveals
- Guides
- Strategically placed

Witness (example)

Jesus:

- Love
- Grace
- Hope

Many of our Life Groups use this insert as a discussion guide throughout the week. We encourage you to take that next step in your journey with Jesus & His church by joining one today! www.seekreallife.com/groups

Share your story

What insight, question, or resolution did you discover from our time of worship together on Sunday?

What's the scariest thing for you about darkness? Have you ever struggled with being afraid of the dark? Is the struggle real today? What helps you not be afraid?

Connect to God's story

Read Matthew 5:13-16.

Jesus tells us that we are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. What do you think Jesus meant when He called His followers salt and light?

Many, if not all, of the people listening to Jesus on this mountainside were not feeling especially tasty or brilliant when Jesus gave them the identity of "salt of the earth" and "light of the world". What do you do when God gives you an identity that you have difficulty believing or find yourself saying "are you sure you mean me?"

Can you think of a time when the salt and light of another follower of Jesus impacted you? What happened?

Read Acts 16:16-34.

As you read this story, what grabbed your attention? Why?

In what way is Paul and Silas an example of being the salt and light that Jesus said his Kingdom was about? What life-changing impact did they have in spite of their dire circumstances?

How are you letting your light and saltiness impact others for Christ in a positive way? What are some barriers you've faced along the way?

What are some specific things you can do this week to be salt and light to someone you know that is currently in darkness? How can you show love without conditions to those you spend this upcoming week with?

***“People do not light a lamp and put it under a basket
but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.
In the same way, let your light shine before people,
so that they can see your good deeds
and give honor to your Father in heaven.”***

- Jesus in Matthew 5:15-16 (NET)

Real Life Prayer for 2020

It is God's will for us to have an intimate, personal, and dependent relationship with all of Him—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This year let us make it personal, a prayer of commitment and connection with God.

Pause Prayers

Read each of these simple statement prayers separately then pause, pray, listen, and respond:

“Abba, I belong to You.”

“Come Lord Jesus.”

“I surrender to You.”

“Holy Spirit set my love in order.”

“I trust You.”

“You are enough.”

As we open ourselves to a new year and a new decade, ask God to bring a personal **revival*** to you: body, mind, and spirit. As each of us fully embraces all that God has for us, He is able to work immeasurably in, for, and through us.

When we open ourselves to God reviving us we will not be the same. Real Life Church will not be the same. Our community will not be the same. Let us claim 2020 as the year of the Lord's favor and look with expectant eyes for the miracles of God!

***Revival Definition:** *an improvement in the condition or strength of something.*