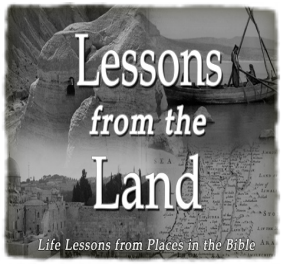
Living as Salt and Light



LESSONS FROM THE LAND #9 ***NOAH LARGENT 6/9/13***

*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. –Matthew 5:13–16*

Pitfall #1:

Being **Shaped** by the World.

a. We end up being shaped by the world because it's the path of least **resistance.**

b. We end up being shaped by the world believing it's a **necessity** to survive**.**

c. We end up being shaped by the world because we become **enamored** with what it offers**.**

Pitfall #2:

Rejecting the World.

a. We end up rejecting the world when we start believing everything in it is **evil.**

b. We end up rejecting the world because we believe that **other people** are what's wrong with the world - not us.

Following Jesus' Example

a. Jesus **pursued** both the "rule keepers" and the "rule breakers", so should we.

b. As you share with others be **creative** & learn to speak your cultures **native language**.

c. Live with **humility**: be quick to ask others for forgiveness and be gracious with others when they blow it.

d. Live authentically, celebrate, cry and get angry!

> *"Being salt and light demands two things: we practice purity in the midst of a fallen world and yet we live in proximity to this fallen world. If you don't hold up both truth in tension, you invariably becomes useless and separated from the world God loves."* – David Kinnaman, ***Unchristian:*** *What a New Generation Really Thinks about Christianity... and Why It Matters*

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