Matthew

Women's Bible Study 2006/07

1. Pray: ask God to open your mind, soul and spirit to His teaching through His Word

2. Think: the questions are designed to expand your knowledge of God and His Word

3. Begin: using only your Bible, answer the questions without other outside sources

Lesson Six: Matthew 5:13–16
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1. Why do you **think** salt is the symbol Jesus uses to describe His believers? Be very thorough in your answer.

2. a) How can salt lose its saltiness?

   b) How can you lose your effectiveness for Jesus?

   c) How salty would you describe yourself?

3. a) What strong words in verse 13c does Jesus give to those who lose their saltiness?

   b) Does this mean you can lose your salvation? State why or why not? Give proof for your answer.

4. Jesus also asks us to be a "light". Why do you **think** Jesus uses this symbol? Be thorough in your answer.

5. Jesus describes the light of a city and of a lamp. What does He say about each and what does that teach you about your life as a believer?

6. In verse 16 Jesus tells believers to do three things. Name the three commands and give an example of how you've done each.

7. Jesus tells believers that we are salt and light for the _____and the _____. What does this mean to you?

Going Deeper:

8. a) What decaying situation in your family, workplace, neighborhood, church or school needs salt?

   b) What do you feel Jesus wants you to do in this situation?

9. a) What darkness surrounds you?

   b) What do you feel Jesus would like you to do in order to eliminate or decrease this darkness?

10. a) Write a **short** paragraph based upon 5:1–16 and describe a believer in Jesus Christ.

    b) Pray in your group one area where you need strengthening.