

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

DeGoede's Cross

Matthew 5:13-16

Getting Started

What did you do for Thanksgiving? Anything unusual?

Digging In

1. **Read 5:13.**
2. How do these verses relate to the preceding verses?
3. Salt has a number of characteristics. For example, it can be used as a preservative, or to enhance flavor. What characteristic of salt do you think is most in view in this passage? (Note the following context.)
4. What does it mean for us to be the salt of the earth?
5. **Read 5:14-16.** How do these verses reinforce what Jesus has just said in v. 13?
6. What does it mean for us to be the light of the world?
7. How can good deeds point people to God?



What Now?

- If you haven't already done so, fill out the top part of the *Top Five* handout.
- Read the supplemental handout, *Top Five*. Brainstorm some ways you can apply some of the suggestions there.
- Take time to pray together for your Top Five.