

MOOREBANK HAMMONDVILLE ANGLICAN CHURCHES
QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION AND REFLECTION
MATTHEW 5:13-16 – Tasty and noticed

1. What activities come to mind when you hear “fishers of people[/men]” (4:19)?
2. Who has the people-fishing role now in the church? Why do you think that?

Read Matthew 5:13-16

3. What aspect of salt does Jesus draw our attention to?
4. Why does Jesus say a hill-city can’t be hidden? Or that nobody lights a lantern with the express purpose of hiding its light? When are you tempted to conceal your identity as a Christian? Why?
5. The link between salt and city/light is that their presence is always obvious and noticeable. Skim read through the beatitudes again (5:1-12) – are these obvious/noticeable in your life
 - ...In your casual dealings (shopping, driving, etc)?
 - ...In your workplace (with colleagues, clients, work ethic)?
 - ...In your place of study/rest (leisure activities, etc)?
 - ...In your home (family, neighbours)?
6. If Jesus defines some of the righteous life as including your imagination (eg: lust, anger, anxiety) – how would these be obvious to others (if at all)? In what way would these aspects of internal life affect your external life?
7. If you were removed from your community, would your good deeds be missed?
8. Jesus told his disciples at the very beginning (4:19) that his intention was to make people-fishers of them. How is it that this teaching is related to people-fishing and yet he doesn’t once mention evangelism?
9. In verse 16 Jesus says observing good deeds leads to God the Father receiving glory. When someone does a good deed they typically get applause – how would an observer of your life know to applaud God the Father instead?
10. Is verse 16 possible if we just do good things and never speak about God?
11. Why is speaking about Jesus necessary but not enough?
12. What will you do with Jesus’ challenging words this week (REPENT, ACT, LEARN, THINK, SPEAK, OTHER)?