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**Scripture:** Matt 5:13-16

**Series:** Come & Become

**Title:** Salt & Light

**Program/Powerpoint Outline:**

1. God has invited us to come & become for a high purpose
  - a. Genesis 12:1-3
    - i. *Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed'.*
  - b. This calling has been passed to us . . . WE are God's people
2. Matt 5:13-16
  - a. *You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restore? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.*
3. How does the salt lose saltiness?
  - a. We fade, get distract, lose focus, set artificial boundaries
  - b. Two main ways this happens:
    - i. Overt ways - obvious
    - ii. Covert ways - subtle
4. What are 'good works'?
  - a. This is what people will see
  - b. This is what God will use to point people to Him
  - c. Greek word is *ergon* -
    - i. Business, employment, that which anyone is occupied
    - ii. Any product whatever, anything accomplished by hand, art, industry, or mind
    - iii. An act, deed, thing done
5. Three factors outside our control:
  - a. Decay & Darkness are still at work in the world
  - b. Salt & Light don't control others

- c. God positions your light
6. Genesis 15:1-8
- a. *After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." 2 But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue[a] childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" 3 And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." 4 And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son[b] shall be your heir." 5 And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." 6 And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness. 7 And he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess." 8 But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?"*