

## **Salt and Light – Week 1 Small Group Questions**

### **Opening Prayer**

### **Ice Breaker**

1. What food absolutely needs salt to taste right?
2. What's one way you tried to "fit in" when you were younger?

### **Discuss**

#### ***Main Scriptures: Matthew 5:13, Daniel 6***

1. Jesus calls believers to be the "salt of the earth." What do you think people around you would say makes Christians different today?
2. Pastor Justin said, "We are meant to stand out, not blend in." Why is blending in often easier than living openly for Christ? How have you lived openly for Jesus, and how/where/when have you been shy about your faith?
3. Read 1 Peter 2:11-12. What does it mean to live as "temporary residents and foreigners" in today's culture without isolating ourselves from people?
4. Read Daniel 6:10-11. Daniel prayed "as usual." What habits or spiritual routines help keep your faith steady when life gets difficult?
5. John Stott said, "Persecution is simply the clash between two irreconcilable value-systems." Where do you see that clash happening in culture today?
6. Read Matthew 5:13. What are some ways Christians can "lose their saltiness" spiritually?
7. After hearing this message, where do you feel most challenged-to preserve goodness, enhance what's around you, or create spiritual thirst in others?

### **Practice**

Practice being "salt" to one person this week by encouraging them, serving them, speaking truth in love, or pointing them toward Jesus.