

Salt and Light – Week 2 Small Group Questions

Opening Prayer

Ice Breaker

1. What's something you started really strong but struggled to finish?
2. What's one small compromise people make today that can slowly become a big problem?

Discuss

Main Scriptures: Matthew 5:13, Daniel 1

1. Pastor Justin said, "Many people start off salty...but few finish salty." Why do you think so many people drift spiritually over time?
2. Read Matthew 5:13. Charles Swindoll said, "If we allow ourselves to be watered-down Christians, we will lose our testimony." What are some ways Christians today become "watered-down" (lose flavor)?
3. Read Daniel 1:5,8. Why do you think Daniel drew a line over the king's food instead of simply going along with the culture?
4. Pastor Justin used the illustration that Christians should be "the chocolate chips in the cookie dough of culture." What does it look like to "mix in, not blend in"? How might mixing in instead of blending in attract the lost? Who is a personal example for you of someone that mixes in well?
5. Pastor Justin asked, "Where do we struggle to remain committed to God in our culture?" Where do you personally see the biggest challenge today?
6. Read Book of Daniel 1:17–19. How did God use Daniel's faithfulness and courage to position him for influence?
7. Looking back at Daniel's example, which challenge do you most need right now: conviction, commitment, or courage?

Practice

Ask God to reveal one area where compromise may be slowly creeping into your life and make a plan this week to address it honestly.