

Salt and Light – Week 3 Small Group Questions

Opening Prayer

Ice Breaker

1. Have you ever been afraid to stand out or speak up in a situation?
2. What's one thing that tends to distract you most from focusing on God?

Discuss

Main Scriptures: Matthew 5:14-16, Daniel 2

1. Read Matthew 5:14-16. Why do you think Jesus specifically said believers are “the light of the world”?
2. Pastor Ryan mentioned that distraction can slowly cover the light of Christ in us. What distractions most commonly dim people’s spiritual influence today?
3. Read Daniel 2:1-11. How did fear affect the wise men when they faced a challenging situation?
4. Read Daniel 2:12-16. What stands out to you about Daniel’s calmness and wisdom in the middle of chaos? How do you think you would have responded if you were in his shoes?
5. Read Daniel 2:17-21. Daniel’s first response was prayer instead of panic. Is that typically your first response as well? Why or why not?
6. Dorothy Bernard said, “Courage is fear that has said its prayers.” How does prayer help fight fear?
7. Pastor Ryan said that God is the “Kingmaker.” How does remembering God’s ultimate authority change the way we handle anxiety or uncertainty?
8. Pastor Ryan said, “God has never asked us to be impressive Christians, just visible ones.” What does that look like practically?
9. The sermon highlighted ordinary moments like praying for someone, serving quietly, or encouraging others as ways our light shines. Which of those feels most natural to you? Which feels hardest?

10. After hearing this message, what do you think is most likely to “cover the light” in your own life right now: fear, distraction, comfort, compromise, or something else?

Practice

Think of one person in your life who may be carrying darkness, anxiety, loneliness, or hopelessness. Reach out to them this week with encouragement, kindness, or a conversation that points them toward Jesus.