

Salt and Light – Week 4 Small Group Questions

Opening Prayer

Ice Breaker

1. Have you ever felt outnumbered in a situation?
2. Have you ever gone through a difficult season that unexpectedly strengthened your faith?

Discuss

Main Scriptures: Matthew 5:14-16, Daniel 3

1. Read Daniel 3:1-6. What stands out to you about how public and visible Nebuchadnezzar's statue and command were?
2. Pastor Ryan emphasized that Babylon tried to reshape people spiritually, mentally, emotionally, and culturally. What are some modern influences that try to shape believers today?
3. Read Daniel 3:16–18. What makes the phrase “even if He does not” such a powerful expression of faith?
4. Read Luke 9:23. What do you think modern Christians misunderstand most about the cost of following Jesus?
5. Pastor Ryan said, “Pressure reveals whether we continue turning toward God or away from Him.” How have you seen pressure shape faith positively or negatively?
6. The sermon emphasized that God sometimes does His greatest work “not by keeping us out of the fire, but by meeting us in it.” Why is that difficult to accept?
7. The sermon said, “The world does not need more hidden Christians.” What does visible faithfulness look like in ordinary life—not just dramatic moments?
8. Which of the three tests from the sermon—identity (becoming like the world), pressure (give in to the world), or fire (pain, suffering, hardships)—do you think most Christians are least prepared for today, and why?

Practice

Pay attention this week to the messages shaping your thinking and identity. Evaluate whether they are pushing you closer to Christ or slowly discipling you toward the values of culture.