**HANDOUT - Do Justice Part 2: You Are the Salt of the Earth** Matt 5:1-16

**Read / pray Matt 5:1-16**

Being salt means having influence.

**1 Peter 2:9** to **proclaim the excellencies** of Him who **called you**

v10-12 is the **attitude of the culture** toward the believer,

v13-16 is the **attitude of the believer** to the culture as salt and light.

LETS TALK ABOUT S A L T

YOU is **emphatic** //YOU is **plural**// The tense is one of **being** and **continuing** to be salt.

Old Testament

2 Chronicles 13:5 - salt covenants.

Leviticus 2:13- part of the sacrifices,

Job 6:6 - to season food.

Ezekiel 16:4 -used as a healing agent and antiseptic.

Judges 9:45 - as a destructive agent.

Rom 9-10 - salt is to create thirst.

Matt 5:10-12 a preservative.

DISCUSSION and APPLICATION

What are some means that God uses **through us** to slow this decay?

What is Jesus’ presupposition about our culture?

How do the beatitudes inform and motivate by grace the call to be ‘salt’ in out culture?

In what ways is a Christian a preservative to slow the decay of the culture?

What are some examples?

How do you think walking humbly and loving kindness (Micah 6:8) is a means God uses to show mercy (Matt 5:7)?

How can you keep conversations redemptive and be ‘salt’ when talking about anything ‘Black Lives Matter’ or about history related to slavery?

5 Restraints God put in place to restrain evil:

**1. Conscience**

Eccl 3:11. – eternity in the hearts of men

**2. The Word**

2 Tim 3:16-17 breathed out by God, profitable for teaching, reproof, correction and training in righteousness to be competent and equipped

**3. The Family**

Eph 5:31 Husband leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife/ 2 shall become 1

Eph 5:23 Husband is head of the wife like Christ is head of the church

Eph 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord…. Eph 6:4 Fathers bring your child up…..

**4. The Church**

Eph 3:7-10 Manifold wisdom of God has been made known through the church-

teaching &preaching of the gospel, fellowship. caring, mission, outreach- making, multiplying and maturing the saints…

**5. Government**

Daniel 2:21

He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding;

Rom 13:1

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.

What happens is the influence of the these are removed from the culture?

Talk about the difference between the Black Lives Matter organization and the Black Lives Matter movement.

What are ways to have wise and redemptive conversations about affirming all live matter being made in the image of God.

What would the influence and outcome of just 10 righteous men made in the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah?