### SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

# Good & Beautiful Life (The Sermon on the Mount) - Part 2

"How Does Jesus Want Us to Impact Our World?" (Part 1)

Matthew 5:13-16

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Jesus calls us to be in the world the world, but not of the world.		
1.	Jesus calls us to be the world.	
	John 16: $^{33}$ "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."	
	To be salt of the earth requires disciples to the world, to be in the world, not in full retreat from the world or fortified against the world.	
	Ask yourself: 'Are almost all the people I personally engage with and have as Christians?'	
2.	Jesus calls us to be the world.	
	John 12: <sup>46</sup> I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness.	
	Jesus is saying his disciples are a force for good when we follow him and live the way he calls us to live.	

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## **Personal Reflection & Small Group Questions**

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1.	Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?		
2.	Read Matthew 5:13-16. We are called to be in the world, not in retreat from the world or fortified against people who don't know God. When we find ourselves only personally engaged with Christians in our lives, what are some of the ways we can change that?		
3.	Who is one person who is far from God (outside of your family) that you can pray for daily and whom you can seek to befriend? (If you're wondering where to start, think about who might be "leaning in" to a relationship with you. But if you already have this person, share a little bit about who this person is with your group.)		

- 4. There is a lot of truth, beauty, and goodness in our world, and Christians are not the only ones who do good. But the Bible describes our world as a dark place. Read the following verses and reflect on what is dark about our world and what it means to have been delivered from darkness.
  - John 12:  $^{46}$  I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness.
  - Colossians 1:  $^{13}$  He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,  $^{14}$  in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
  - 1 Peter 2: <sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

5. Although our culture is increasing secularizing, most people still value an ethic of love is "other-regarding ethic." How can we use that common ground to point others to Christ?

6. If you have a chance, watch or read Tim Kellers speech to the British Parliament at <a href="henry-williams.net">henry-williams.net</a>.