



## How Disciples Interact with the World

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Matt 5:10-16

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### Persecution is to be expected.

- What Jesus didn't say—persecuted because:
  - you are strange
  - you are **STUBBORN**
  - you are obnoxious
  - you don't **DO YOUR JOB** (1 Peter 2:18-20)
- What Jesus did say—persecuted “because of me”

### The Effect of Salt & Light : HA + DC + CC + AK = GF

#### 1. High **AUTHENTICITY**

- Function of salt:
  - ⇒ **PRESERVES**
  - ⇒ Makes food tasty
  - ⇒ Makes us **THIRSTY**
- Salt only loses its flavor if it is filled with **IMPURITIES**—inauthentic.
- **INTEGRITY** of character is essential—my inner self and my outer self must be in sync.

#### 2. Direct **CONTACT**

- The **FUNNEL** effect / Our most effective evangelism is in the first two years of being saved.

#### 3. Clear **COMMUNICATION**

- Light reveals truth / it brings **CLARITY** and **DEFINITION**

- We have the role of an ambassador—we **REPRESENT** Jesus in the world.
- The most inappropriate thing you can do with light is to **COVER IT**.

#### 4. Acts of **KINDNESS**

- Jesus connects light with action, not just with words.
- Both **WORDS** and **DEEDS** matter.
- Paul Little: “Which airplane wing is more important to you, the port side or the starboard side?”

#### 5. The result: people **GLORIFY** our **FATHER** !

#### Applications:

- UP: How does Jesus change your perspective about what is important? Life is short, but eternity is long. How should that change you?
- IN: Ask the Holy Spirit to show you how He wants to change you in the following characteristics:
  - ⇒ High authenticity
  - ⇒ Direct contact
  - ⇒ Clear communication
  - ⇒ Acts of Kindness
- OUT: With whom can you speak clearly this week about Jesus? Who can you show kindness to? Ask God to help you take one specific step.