



# New Beginnings

Sermon Based Small Group Plan  
February 5, 2017

**Sermon Title:**

***“Salt and Light”***

**Preaching: Rev. Charles Svendsen**

**Text: Matthew 5:13-20 & Isaiah 58:1-9a**

**Open in Prayer:** Lord Jesus, we come humbly to your word seeking to be more like you. Be our amazing teacher as we learn every day we have life in faith as we are obedient to your call. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

**Fellowship Question:** What are the highs and lows of your last week?

**Take time to read the Scripture:** Matthew 5:13-20 and Isaiah 58:1-9a

**Study Questions for the Sermon and Text:** (choose as needed)

- In the first century, what did salt do?
- What affects the taste of salt?
- How does light in a room affect your attitude to enter the room?
- How does one bright candle change a room of darkness?
- Who is the brightest person of faith you know? How do they affect you?
- What are the things in your life that affect your level of brightness?
- How do we obtain this “Surpassing Righteousness” written about in verse 20?
- Name one thing you can do this week to be salt and light to someone nearby?

**The Challenge:** To be people of faith that preserve God’s goodness and spread the good news to the world.

**Prayer Options:** (choose as needed for your group)

- Pray for people to come to the Lord for their salvation.
- Pray for WPC and its mission efforts around the world.
- Pray for the church as we seek to live for the kingdom of God.
- Pray for the Alpha Course on Sundays to touch lives.

**Mission Encouragement for the winter:**

- The shelter still need sleepers for the rest of the winter season.
- Continue to give our food donations to Manna – **“Souper Bowl of Caring” is Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Leader notes:**

- Join us for our Ash Wednesday service on March 1 at 7:00pm
- See if there are new people who might want to be a part of your group.
- Remember to let your group know that the WPC YouTube Channel has the sermon videos on Monday’s - thanks to Paula! Just go to the WPC website and click on the YOUTUBE logo button.