



## SHOW AND TELL

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**Focus** Jesus' work on the cross calls out for daily activation in our lives by *showing* and *telling* others about His grace and salvation.

**Open** What is your favorite kind of weather? Why?

**Read** As He died on the cross, Jesus cried out, "It is finished!" (John 19:30). There is always a purpose for something when it is completed. What do we do with His finished work of grace and salvation? Jesus' finished work on the cross calls out for activation in our daily lives.

We're called to take the story of grace and salvation to others—showing it and sharing it while serving the people around us. People are hurting and dealing with difficulty. They need to see and hear the story of what God has done in our lives. In Matthew 5:13–16, Jesus explains what we're to be in the world—salt and light. Salt brings flavor. Light gives direction, warmth and helps others to see. We're to be doorkeepers in the house of God—holding the door of salvation open for others after we've come through it ourselves.

People are not looking for a perfect, plastic, superior, "never-been-out-of-the-box" kind of Christianity. They're looking for real people who have walked through real life with Jesus. You have something to "show off" about God. God has poured into you so you can pour out to others. It's time to become more visible and vocal than ever before.

- Talk**
1. What stood out the most to you from this message? Why?
  2. Read Jesus' words in Matthew 5:13–16.
    - a. What do salt and light do (besides add flavor and give direction)? How does this apply to believers?

- b. Jesus warned that salt can lose its saltiness and that light can be hidden. How would a believer “lose saltiness” or hide their light? How can we guard against these things?

3. Read the following scriptures.

Romans 5:5      Ephesians 2:10      Matthew 20:26–28  
Matthew 5:16      John 13:34–35

- a. As believers, what are we to do? How are we to do it?
- b. What happens if we share the good news or serve others out of obligation or performance? From what kind of spirit are we to share and serve others?

**Live** Ask God to bring someone to mind who is experiencing difficulty or needs to see God’s love for them in action. What is one thing you can do this week to “show and tell” God’s love to them?

**Pray** Thank Jesus for His finished work of grace and salvation. Ask Him to open your eyes to see the full purpose of His work. Pray that He would help you become more visible and vocal—to become His love in action to others.