

SERMON SERIES: 52

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Sermon Title:

“What does Jesus Say About Morality?”

Introduction

This week in our 52 series, we are going to ask the question, “What Does Jesus Say About Morality?” This idea of being good, or *good enough*, is one that we constantly wrestle with. Are we doing the right things often and frequently enough that maybe we can call ourselves *good enough*? This is the idea that Jesus tackles in his Sermon on the Mount, and he tells us exactly how we should approach this concept.

- Share a time where you put in a lot of effort into something in order to feel *good enough*.

Seek the Word

- Read Matthew 5:13. Jesus calls us the *salt of the earth*. Salt’s purpose is to bring out exceptional flavor and bring about a thirst for something greater. Where else in Jesus’ story do you see him or the disciples bringing out the best “flavor” in somebody, or driving them to “thirst” for something greater?
- In Matthew 5:14-16, Jesus calls us the *light of the world*. Light always wins against the darkness, and acts as a beacon or guide through the dark. What are some ways that Jesus and the disciples brought light to dark situations in Scripture?

Go Deeper

Turn to page 180 in your Quest 52 book and look at the table on that page. As a group, go through each example of what Jesus says regarding the law, and discuss why these teachings from Jesus are so important in conversations about morality: *being good enough*.

Talk About It

- What are some ways that your pursuit to be *good enough* has gotten in the way of your relationship with Jesus?
- How do you feel when you hear Jesus identify you as the *salt of the earth* and the *light of the world*?
- What does it mean for you to S.A.L.T in the world? (**S**erve others first, **A**ppreciate others first, **L**ove others first, **T**reasure others first)
- Who is someone in your life who needs to be shown the *light of the world*- the conquering and persevering love of Jesus?

Wrap Up

Reminder: Jesus labels us, believers, as the *salt of the earth* and the *light of the world*. This is only possible because of what Jesus has done for us. When we choose to S.A.L.T the people around us and be the light to this dark world, we fulfill our role of followers of Christ.

Challenge: Identify someone in your life that you need to be salt and light to this week. Spend time praying and looking for ways to show the love of Jesus to that person.