



deovox group study guide

Salt & Light: Matthew 5.13-16

1. I'm sure you know the argument. Our world suffers so intensely, either God isn't all-powerful, or he isn't all-loving. How do you respond to this argument? (Careful with timing. This question could gobble up your entire meeting! Set a time limit.)

2. They say that evil prevails when good men fail to act. What they ought to say is "evil prevails." Even if you disagree with the statement as a whole, do you agree with the first half? What challenge is there if you agree with it?

3. The disciples are vitally significant and necessary to the world in their witness to God and his kingdom. What is your view of "Christian witness" in the world? When is it expressed properly, and when is it done in a manner that you believe is wrong or unhelpful? **Do you intend to use your beautiful voice to praise the Lord, or change the world? William Pitt in Amazing Grace.** Are Christians called to do both? If so, explain what they're to do in relation to the second one.

4. We must be seen to carry the life of God within us. Do you agree? What about very shy people?

5. Discuss how God is calling you to be salt and light in the world. Be specific in discussing the following areas: The home. Work. School. Extended family. Church. How is God using you to express his kingdom and reach the lost?