SHAKE SALT / SHINE LIGHT

Parables
September 27, 2026

KEY SCRIPTURE

- Matthew 5:3-16
- Romans 12:1
- John 8:12
- Colossians 4:5-6

KEY POINTS

- Jesus does not say we will become salt and light. He says we are. That is our identity in Him.
- Every person already has influence. The question is whether that influence points people to the Father or to ourselves.
- Salt belongs in covenant, worship, and offering. Our first calling is to present ourselves to God as a living sacrifice.
- Salt left in the shaker is good for nothing. Light hidden under a basket cannot help a dark house.
- Jesus is the Light of the world. We shine only because His light lives in us.
- Speech seasoned with salt is gracious, wise, and aimed at outsiders — not sharp, dismissive, or self-promoting.
- Good works are meant to make people glorify the Father, not us. If helping others always points back to you, it has stopped being light.
- The first mission field is the home. If salt and light are missing there, they will not travel far outside it.
- A Beatitude life — poor in spirit, merciful, peacemaking, hungry for righteousness — is what salt and light look like in ordinary places.
- Don't waste the salt and light God has already put in you. Surrender, receive fresh mercy, and shake it out.

DISCUSSION

- Pastor Bob said Jesus did not say "you will become" salt and light. He said "you are." How does that change the way you see your life?
- Where are you most tempted to leave salt in the shaker or hide the light?
- The woman at the golf course said the people there were "carrying something genuine." What makes Christian influence feel real instead of fake?
- Romans 12 says influence starts with offering yourself to God. What does intimacy with Him look like in your actual week?
- Colossians 4 calls us to speech seasoned with salt toward outsiders. Who is one "outsider" you will see this week, and what would gracious speech sound like?
- Pastor Bob warned helpers not to point people to themselves. How do you know when care has become about you instead of Jesus?
- Your greatest mission field is the home. What is one way you can shake salt and shine light there first this week?