

CONNECTION GROUP LESSON

date	topic	bible text	
3/7/10	MISSIONAL LIVING	MATT.5:13-16	Understanding our call to be Salt and Light in the World

Jesus called his followers to be transforming agents in this fallen world. The heart attitudes and actions of the Beatitudes are the starting blocks for this mandate to Missional Living. If we neglect or abuse our call to live this way, we become useless or worthless to the kingdom call.

OPENING UP

1. Have you ever experienced a food that was so bland you could not stomach it? What was it and what did you do?
2. Talk about a time when it was the darkest you remember. What was it like and what did you do?

DIGGING IN Read Matthew 5:13-16

3. What is the most important message that Jesus is trying to get across to the people on that hill? Why do you think that is the message?
4. Discuss the pros and cons of being salt and light in the sphere of influence you live in? Are there boundaries to what you can say and do?
5. How would you explain “Missional Living” to another believer? To an unbeliever?
6. What is the outcome or result of being “worthless” in verse 13?
7. Would mandate for living work in any culture? Why or why not?

8. Living a missional life is a public thing. What kind of preparations do we need to make to be salt and light in our spheres of influence?

MAKING IT YOURS

9. What can we do as a church to encourage and empower this kind of living?
10. What are some specific things we can do to live missional lives?
11. What can Westwind do to be a source of salt and light in our culture?