Sermon-based Growth Group Questions "Sermon on the Mount" Matthew 5:13-20 January 21, 2024

Introductory Discussion: What from the sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or challenging?

- 1. If salt is a preservative, what does that mean for our purpose in the world?
- 2. How can our interactions with others slow the decay of the world?
 - a. Can you think of specific ways that you can "preserve" those around you?
- 3. How does salt lose its saltiness?
 - a. So, how can we keep from losing our saltiness?
- 4. Light shows the way. How can we show the way in our lives?
 - a. Light reveals the truth. What do we need to do to be able to show reality to those around us?
- 5. The light comes from Jesus and we reflect that light to others. How can we ensure that we are the best mirrors possible?
 - a. What is God doing to make us better reflectors?
 - b. How bright a reflection do you need to be for God to use you?
- 6. What does it mean that Jesus "fulfilled" the law?
 - a. What does it mean for us that the law won't pass away?
- 7. How is our righteousness different from that of the Pharisees?

8. What does it mean for our transformation to be from the inside out, not the outside in?