

INTRO

- What are your favourite foods you enjoy this season? Are you more sweet or savoury?

In this series, we explored Jesus' call to impact the world for good. We discovered God's plan through Scripture and the Good News that invites us to find our purpose within it. Our challenge as followers of Jesus is to integrate and practice our faith as a way of life.

READ

Matt 5:13-16

REFLECT & RESPOND

Using everyday elements, Jesus helps us understand how he wants us to live within the world. Given Jesus' challenge, let's look at the paradigm, posture and practices of being salt + light in our world today.

1. Paradigm: DISTINCT

Jesus calls for his followers to be distinct from the world, for the sake of the world. Salt that loses its saltiness or light that is hidden is no use. We need to be both faithful to Jesus and present to the world to be effective.

Qu: how can we hold in tension the need to be different from, but also part of, the world?

2. Posture: ENGAGED

Sometimes, we can adopt other postures towards the world: withdrawal, assimilation, or domination. Yet, **Jesus actively engaged the people and culture of his day in relevant ways.** He modelled cultural engagement that connects (vs withdraws), confronts (vs assimilates), and seeks to convert (vs domination or coercion).

Qu: what are the challenges and opportunities you experience in relating to the people and culture around you that are far from God?

3. Practice: MISSIONAL LIVING

Missional Living means embracing the posture and practices of a missionary by Christians in their everyday life.

Imagine you're being sent as a missionary to another country and culture different from yours. What kind of things would you do to be effective? Now, how can you apply that to your everyday life here?

Qu: What does it mean for you to adopt missional living in your everyday life and relationships?

2 practical ways we can practice missional living:

• Towards Others

Read Col 4:2,5-6. What principles does Paul help us with in relating well to "outsiders"?

• Towards Work

The biblical vision of work integrates work as **worship** (for the glory of God), **service** (for the good of others), and **calling** (our sense of meaning and fulfillment through it).

Qu: which of the 3 comes most easily to you? Which do you find most challenging?

Finally, we need Jesus to be the salt and light in our lives first. Then, as his disciples, we can live distinct, engaged, and missional lives for the people and world God so loves.

RESPOND & PRAY

- Pray over one another in light of where your discussion landed. What is the Holy Spirit highlighting and provoking?
- Use your PEBCI card to activate missional living in one another.