

**Getting into Our Lives** .....Group time - 20 minutes

1. How are you acting as salt and light in your circles of influence? What can you do differently?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Which is more tempting, to blend in with the world or to isolate yourself from the world? Why?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. If South Shores Church “died” would anyone from our cities come to its funeral? That is to say, who would notice or care if we were gone?

**Getting Out the Gospel** .....Group time - 5 minutes

What’s something you can do this week that will bless someone (on your list) and might even cause them to be thankful to God?

**Getting into Prayer** .....Group time - 10 minutes

**Reach:** “Father and Source of all Truth, shine your light into the darkness of our world – and please, shine through us.”

**Grow:** “Convict us of our responsibilities to reach this world – increase our saltiness, brighten our reflectiveness so that others will turn and see You.”

**Empower:** “Do not let us place our lamp under a bowl, but place us on lampstands and make our church a city on a hill in the midst of San Juan Capistrano, Dana Point, and the rest of South Orange County.”

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**Public Influence**  
*Matthew 5:13-16*

**I. Be Salty Salt!**

Matthew 5:13

1. Salt \_\_\_\_\_
2. Salt \_\_\_\_\_
3. Salt \_\_\_\_\_
4. Salt \_\_\_\_\_

Disciples must be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**II. Shine Like Me!**

Matthew 5:14-16

\_\_\_\_\_ God as Salt and Light.

**God’s citizens influence society for its good and God’s glory.**

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***I never knew:***

***I need to change:***

***I should share:***

# GROWTH GROUP QUESTIONS

Week of November 5, 2017

## Getting Started .....Group time - 15 minutes

1. **GAME:** Tell a well-known story having each person in the group share one word at a time. Continue until the story is “complete.” For the second round, pick 2-3 people to try and sabotage the story. Final round, have everyone try to sabotage the story. How’d it go?
2. If all the Christians suddenly disappeared, how would it affect the world?

FOR GROWTH GROUP TIME

## Getting into God’s Word .....Group time - 40 minutes

### Read Matthew 5:13

1. Who are the “salt of the earth”? What does it mean?
2. Why does the world need “salt”?
3. How can Christians help “preserve” our world? Why might they become ineffective in their role?

### Read Matthew 5:14-16

4. If we are the “light of the world” what is the source of our light?  
See also: John 8:12

5. What is the point of Jesus’ illustrations of the city and the lamp? How does this relate to followers of Christ?

### Read 1 Peter 2:9-12

6. What do you see that lines up with Jesus’ teaching?

7. According to Peter, what does “shining” look like?

### Read John 17:14-18

8. Christians have used this passage to develop the phrase: “*In the world, but not of the world.*” According to the scriptures, what is accurate about that phrase? What is lacking?
9. What would be a better phrase?