

The Big Idea: God’s call on our life is to be an influence in the world, we’re to daily live out the gospel before a watching world.

I. From the beatitudes to the similitudes

A. Similitudes mean what they sound like – they’re SIMILAR to

B. These verses are a TRANSITION to the rest of the sermon

II. It’s all about influence

A. The basics – you are the salt of the earth...

1. The REALITY

- It’s a very COMMON but valuable commodity

- It’s a statement of FACT (that’s true if...)

- It speaks of our responsibility to the WORLD

2. The IMPACT

- SEASONING

- Create THIRST

- PURIFY

- PRESERVATIVE

B. The danger – salt that isn’t salty...

1. WHAT can happen?

2. HOW does it happen?

- ASSIMILATION

III. What we take away...

Think of as many ways as you can to get out of the salt shaker and into the world. How can we live with greater gospel intention?