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**WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?**

Matthew 5:13-16

***(SERMON IN A SENTENCE)*** Christians use their influence to help people take their next step closer to Jesus.

WHO MIGHT BE WATCHING YOU CLOSER THAN YOU THINK?

WHERE ARE YOU NURTURING A HIGHER LEVEL OF INFLUENCE?

WHAT IS DIMINISHING YOUR CHRISTIAN INFLUENCE?

**MEMORY VERSE**

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. -Matthew 5:16 NIV

**WHAT DO I NEED TO ASK?**

Name a time when you purchased something because of a marketing gimmick or celebrity endorsement.

In what ways do we, both as individuals and as members of the Christian community, behave as the “salt of the earth” (Matthew 5:13)? What things make Christians less “salty”? Think of practical ways in which we could have a greater effect on society.

In what ways are we, both as individuals and as members of the Christian community, the “light of the world” (Matthew 5:14)? What things prevent the light from being seen? Think of practical ways in which we could “shine” more brightly.

What is your circle of influence? Are you using it to have a spiritual impact on others? Give an example.

What steps could you take to nurture a higher level of influence in the world?

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Should our group commit Church 2:2 for 15 weeks? Why or why not?