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Suggested Questions for Individual Study or Group Discussion*



- What qualifies as a “kingdom?” What is the kingdom of heaven or God’s kingdom?
- *Read Matthew 4:23–5:16.* In the crowds coming to Jesus, who is present? What is Jesus doing with and for the people?
- Since Jesus previously declared that the kingdom of heaven had come (Mt. 4:17), what can we deduce about God’s kingdom based upon the people to whom Jesus preaches and ministers? What are they learning about the kingdom of heaven firsthand?
- What are the purposes of salt and light? How does each work? Given this, what is Jesus declaring about his followers’ identity and mission when he calls them salt and light (5:13–16)?
- How are the good things we do like a light before other people? What should others see, and what should be the result? How would you describe your “light,” and how it is shining?
- Why is “the exhibition of the kingdom of heaven to the world” considered one of the great ends or purposes of the Church? What is gained from pursuing this aim? What’s lost if we do not?
- What are specific ways in which the Church can exhibit God’s kingdom in our world today? How can we assess our faithfulness and measure our success in doing so?
- Where does our congregation do well in exhibiting the kingdom of heaven to the world? Where might we improve? How can you and/or your small group be a part of that?