Title: Kingdom Purpose
Text: Matthew 5:13-16
Target: Living according to the “Kingdom Principles” of the Beatitudes advances “Kingdom Purpose,” and today we look at two metaphors that show us how!

I. You are a person of PROFOUND IMPACT: “You are the salt of the earth” (Vs. 13)
   A. Value of Salt: “but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored?” (Vs. 13)
      1. Currency: Form of Payment.
      2. Covenant: Binding Agreement.
   B. Virtue of Salt: “It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.” (Vs. 13)
      1. Salt of the Earth: reliable and trustworthy.
      2. Worth their Salt: deserving of compensation.
      3. Above or Below the Salt: determined seating assignment.
      4. Take with a Grain of Salt: to receive information with skepticism.
      5. Don’t Spill the Salt: to be in disagreement.
   C. View of Salt: “You are” (Vs.13)
      1. Salt NEVER stops being Salt.
      2. Effectiveness DOES NOT happen without Engagement.
      3. Inconspicuous, but NOT Insignificant.

II. You are a person of PROLIFIC INFLUENCE: “You are the light of the world.”
   A. Power of Light: “a city set on a hill cannot be hidden.” (Vs. 14)
      1. Light exposes Darkness
      2. Light warns of Danger
      3. Light provides Direction
   B. Place of Light: “nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.” (Vs. 15)
      1. Prevent Shading: “basket”
      2. Place of Significance: “gives light”
   C. Perspective of Light: “In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” (Vs. 16)
      1. Make Light Visible: “your light”
2. Make Light Viable: “your good works”  
3. Make Light Victorious: “your Father”  

Take Away: Salt speaks of an inward character that influences the people of the world; light speaks of the outward conviction that points to the one who made the world. By being SALT and LIGHT, the world will taste and see that God is good.