

**Cultivating  
a Christian Character**

***Studies in  
The Sermon on the Mount  
Matthew chapters 5-7***

***Salty and Shining  
Matthew 5.13-16***

## 1. As SALT, stop the rot! v13

- *salt's purpose – to enhance flavour, Job 6.6  
and prevent decay*
- *enhance flavour – of conversations Col 4.6;  
by thinking positively Phil 4.8*
- *prevent decay – by mixing and mingling  
John 17.15-18;  
and acting positively Col 3.17,23*
- *act together – for greater impact*
- *stay distinctive – don't become diluted Rom 12.2*
- *salt – a sign of God's covenant Lev 2.13*

## **2. As LIGHT, dispel the darkness vs14-16**

### ➤ **shine continuously vs15-16**

**Jesus, the light of the world John 8.12; 9.5**

**came to those living in darkness Mat 4.13-16**

**humanity lives in ignorance Eph 4.18**

**death casts a gloomy shadow**

**The Gospel brings light and hope**

**Acts 26.17-18; 2 Tim 1.10**

### ➤ **shine conspicuously – be different Phil 2.14-16**

**be people of hope 1 Pet 3.15**

**Jesus went about doing good Acts 10.38**

**reflect his light to the world**

**1 Thess 4.4-5; Eph 5.8-9**