

St. John's EBCs, Everyday Bible Conversations!

EBC 3, 2, 1! – On Location in 2026! Leading to Worship Sunday February 8, 2026

Reading: Matthew 5:13-20

EBC focuses on bringing the Bible into our Everyday Lives, emphasizing God's Everyday presence by finding connections in our physical world! This week, we visit think about the purpose of "salty" salt, and God's purpose for us in our lives! Click here: [Week 6 Video](#)
Welcome to this week's EBC 3,2,1! Three points, two questions, and one action step!

Three Points

- Jesus calls us "the salt of the earth" (Matthew 5:13), but warns that if salt has lost its taste, it is simply thrown out.
- Jesus also calls us "the light of the world." (Matthew 5:14). But he warns us not to let our light be hidden, but to "let our light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)
- Then, at the end of this passage, Jesus tells us, "[U]nless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:20)

Two Questions

- Do you see the amazing teamwork Jesus is describing in these verses? Who is the "salt," or the "light" in these verses? Jesus, or us? Who is doing the deeds, and letting their light shine? Jesus, or us? And yet, in whose glory are the deeds done?
- What does it mean to you to be righteous? If we know we cannot be sufficiently "pious" or "perfect" to earn our way into heaven, what do you think Jesus is saying at the end of these verses? What might it mean for Jesus' saving grace to make us "righteous?"

Action Step

- You are nestled in the midst of Everyday Life, but you are on one team with Jesus, here to do deeds, and with a purpose! Embrace your teamwork with Jesus this week!

Don't like these questions? Do these verses say something different to you? Great! What it is?

And as always, you are encouraged to find a friend (or two or many) and take an EBC coffee break! Find 15-25 minutes somewhere in the week and share your faith. Have fun finding God this week in your Everyday Life!