

# The JOURNEYMEN

“We are journeying unto the place of which the LORD said,  
I will give it to you: come with us, and we will do you good...”

-- Numbers 10:29

## Book Study – Matthew 5:1-16

### *The Beatitudes and Salt and Light*



#### **Before We Begin Our Journey...**

1. What are some ways people typically try to find happiness or fulfillment in life?
2. Why do people commit crimes and evil acts under cover of darkness?



#### **Do Some Digging and Pre-planning...**

3. What was the setting for this sermon and who was Jesus addressing? ([5:1-2](#))
4. Jesus gave a promise or expected result for each of the following listed conditions/actions...write down each one in the blank provided. (5:3-12)

“the poor in spirit” \_\_\_\_\_

“they that mourn” \_\_\_\_\_

“the meek” \_\_\_\_\_

“they that hunger and thirst after righteousness” \_\_\_\_\_

“the merciful” \_\_\_\_\_

“the pure in heart” \_\_\_\_\_

“the peacemakers” \_\_\_\_\_

“they that have been persecuted for righteousness' sake” \_\_\_\_\_

5. What unexpected command is given to Christians who are insulted, hassled, and lied about? ([5:11-12](#))
6. In a series of very brief statements, (5:13-16) Jesus gives us tremendous insight as to how we are to live our lives. Using the provided salt and candle light, follow your leader’s directions to illustrate and better understand these statements.



#### **Sort it Out, Organize It, Gain Some Understanding...**

7. Which of these promises means the most to you today? Why?
8. In your world and in your mind, what constitutes (makes up) persecution for today’s Christian?
9. What specific behaviors mark the life-style of a salty, shining Christian? \_\_\_\_\_



#### **Application for the Journey...**

10. What realistic steps can you take this week to make you hungrier and thirstier for righteousness?
11. Are there phone calls or letters that you would be willing to make or write this week in order to be salt and light in a decaying, dark world? Well....then... DO IT!

Pray for Carol and me as we take our vacation. We will be driving over several thousand miles and meeting new people, many of whom will be neither Spirit-filled nor part of our Christian life-style. Pray that we would be a light to them, seasoning them with the salt of our life in Christ. Remember to thank and praise God every day for sending Jesus. –Les  
“You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.”  
Romans 5:6-7 NIV

