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Do Good to  
Please God

Salt and  
Light

Ask, Seek,  
Knock

# MIDWEEK GUIDE

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**Facilitators:** Please remember to report your small group attendance to the appropriate person in your congregation. Thank you!

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## Session 1: Do Good to Please God

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1. What does it mean to you to “do good”? (see Galatians 6:10 and Ephesians 2:10)

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2. What are some examples of good things that we can do to please God?

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3. Matthew 6:1-4 clearly shows Jesus’ desire for us to do good works out of our love for God, and for no other reason. What are some “ulterior motives” that can sometimes exist when we do good works?

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4. Read Luke 9:23-24. Jesus’ words here are connected to the “crucifying of self” mentioned in the video. Describe what it means to crucify the self. How does this differ from the “cult of self” also discussed in the video?

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5. What do you think is your responsibility to society?

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6. How does a person “live in Christ”? (reference Galatians 2:20)

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7. How does doing good bring God glory and satisfy a believer’s soul?

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### Bible References

Matthew 6:1-4

Galatians 2:20

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## Session 2: Salt and Light

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1. Why is it important for believers to put Jesus on display through what they say and do?

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2. What are various properties and uses of salt? How do these uses correlate to us as “the salt of the earth”?

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3. The video mentions that as followers of Christ we are called to “season our surroundings.” What are some ways that we can fulfill this calling?

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4. Do you find it hard to shine the light of Jesus (to both people in church and outside of church)? If yes, why? What advice and encouragement can you give each other to help overcome this?

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5. Read all three verses of Hymn 126, *Give Me Courage, Lord*. How do the lyrics of this hymn help us to understand our calling as the “light of the world”?

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6. Read Matthew 5:13-16. Dig deeper into what it means to be the “salt and light.” What other teachings can you pull from the Bible verse?

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7. What are the benefits of every believer being “salt and light” in our world?

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### Hymn Lyrics - Give Me Courage, Lord

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1. Give me courage, Lord, to say Your name, Not to quiver when I'm laughed at, nor to hide my face in shame; When around me there are those who would my faith in You deride, Let me not Your name deny or cast aside.

2. Give me courage, Lord, to say Your name, Let my lips declare Your power and Your holiness acclaim. Many with their earthly influence Your majesty despise; Let me pray that You would open soon their eyes.

3. Give me courage, Lord, to say Your name, Let me share with pure conviction what through Christ we stand to gain, Telling others how the faithful have a bright new destiny. Let my walk of life the best example be.

Refrain: So let my praises and my thanks ascend to You and Your love, O Lord, within my heart be true. So let me joyfully Your wondrous works proclaim; Give me courage, Lord, to say Your name.

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Matthew 5:13-16

## Session 3: Ask, Seek, Knock

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1. What is the purpose of prayer in your life? What effect does prayer have on our relationship with God?

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2. Why should we entrust our doubt to God? What other seemingly negative feelings or things can we entrust to God through prayer? See the Psalms for some examples.

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3. Share with the group a time you have felt doubt, whether it was doubt in God, in a situation, etc. What did you do in this moment of doubt?

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4. What do you think it is about doubt that can make it dangerous?

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5. How does prayer help someone to defeat the power of doubt?

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6. Expound on what it means to search for God with all your heart. What are some practical things that we can do to seek God each day?

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7. In Matthew 7:11, Christ calls mankind evil (“If you then, being evil...”). Why do you think Christ uses such a strong word here? What is the point He is making?

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8. What role does the condition of a person's heart play in their prayer life?

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### Bible References

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Matthew 7:7-12

Mark 9:22-24

Jeremiah 29:12-13

Small Group Theme for September & October: *Sing!*