

# JUSTICE

AND THE BIBLE

## Salt and Light

Matthew 5:13-16 | John Richardson | 9/5/21

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*In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.*

**Matthew 5:16**

1. Why is it problematic to define problems of injustice as primarily external systems or actions?
2. Why are we often so resistant to identify our own contribution to problems of injustice?
3. Read Matthew 5:13-16

*“When God wants to change the world, he doesn’t launch missiles. Instead, he sends in the meek, the mourners, and the merciful. When God wants to put things to right, he doesn’t scramble combat jets; he calls people to love and do justice.”*

**- N.T. Wright**

4. How does Jesus’ image of salt help us to understand the role that we should play in promoting justice and righteousness in our culture?
5. How does Jesus’ image of light help us to understand the role that we should play in promoting justice and righteousness in our culture?
6. How can I/we be salt and light in our culture?