

**Reasons NOT To
Believe**

Objections to Christianity

**An interactive Bible study for
individuals, families,
and LIFE Groups**



Life Groups

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“Aren’t Christians Part of the Problem?”

Matthew 5:13-16

In this series of Bible studies, we look at some of the honest objections people have about Christianity and consider a Biblical response to those objections. Each week this discussion guide will help you reflect upon the Sunday sermon and apply its content to your life. Whether you work through these lessons on your own, with a friend, or in your family or LIFE Group, we believe they will help you go deeper with God. If you ever miss a sermon, you can always listen to it online at www.upc-orlando.com.

LISTEN

Record your insights and observations from this week's sermon:

SHARE

In this week's sermon, Mark Bates said that one of the reasons many people reject the Christian message is the bad behavior and attitudes of Christians. Have you experienced or heard this from others? Share about it.

REFLECT

a) The Sunday sermon was about our call to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world (Matthew 5:13-16). What do salt and light have in common?

b) Why do you think Jesus chose these two images as a description of His people?

c) What two warnings does Jesus give in this passage?

d) Why do you think He gives these warnings to us?

e) Read Matthew 6:1. How do you reconcile this verse with Matthew 5:16?

f) How do our good deeds lead others to praise God?

g) In a single sentence, write in your own words the main idea of this week's passage. Share it with your LIFE Group or another person.

APPLY

a) In Jesus' day, salt was used for the preservation of food. How do you see Christians as "preservatives" for the world around us?

b) What is a specific way you can "let your light shine before men" this week?

c) What things discourage you from being salt and light?

d) If you are in a small group, how can your group collectively be salt and light? Agree together on a project or a plan.

"A Christian is the world's Bible –
and some of them need revising."

D. L. Moody, 1837-1899

