



new life fellowship

Sermon Title: **Vision Sunday Part 1- Salt & Light**

Speaker: **Rich Villodas – Lead Pastor**

Scripture: **Matthew 5:13-16**

Salt and Light

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. (NIV)

Sermon Summary:

This Sunday, we kick off a series of three Vision Sunday gatherings. Vision Sunday is a time in the year for us to step back to remember what it means to be a church family on mission in our city. For this first part, Pastor Rich will lead us through a passage of scripture in the Book of Matthew and point us to what Jesus calls the Church to be in this world – **Salt and Light**.

Sermon Questions:

1. What do you think of when you hear the word church? Were you surprised by the Barna results of how unchurched people described the church as “bigoted, sheltered, too political, etc?”
2. Jesus says the church is salt and light. How can the church grow in how it is reflected and received in the world?
3. New Life has 5 values that mark who we are. Which value do you need to focus on more or sense God inviting you to grow in? Which comes most naturally to you?
 - Monastic- A people marked by being with Jesus
 - Emotional Health- A people Marked by interior examination
 - Multiracial- A people marked by reconciliation
 - Marriage to Christ- A people marked by sexual wholeness
 - Missional- A people marked by lovingly engaging our world
4. How is God inviting you to use your gifts and passions in your different areas of influence (home, work, school, neighborhood, New Life)? How is God inviting you to see how he has strategically placed you to be salt and light in the world?