

# 5 Day Devotional

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COMMUNITY CHURCH

## Day 1: Salt and Light Reading: Matthew 5:13-16

Devotional: Jesus calls us "the salt of the earth" and "the light of the world." This isn't just a nice compliment - it's our identity and purpose. As salt, we're called to preserve goodness and add flavor to the world around us. As light, we're meant to shine God's love and truth into dark places. Today, reflect on how you're living out this calling. Are there areas of your life where you've lost your "saltiness" or hidden your light? Ask God to renew your sense of purpose and empower you to be a positive influence in your sphere of influence.

## Day 2: Transformed by Grace Reading: Romans 12:1-2

Devotional: The sermon emphasizes that following Jesus isn't just about being forgiven, but about being transformed. Paul echoes this in Romans, urging us to be "transformed by the renewing of your mind." This transformation isn't something we achieve through willpower alone - it's the work of God's grace in us. Today, consider areas where you've seen God changing your thoughts, attitudes, or behaviors. Where do you still need transformation? Pray for God's Spirit to continue His renewing work in you, making you more like Christ day by day.

## Day 3: Living Out God's Word Reading: James 1:22-25

Devotional: The transcription challenges us to be not just fans of Jesus' teaching, but followers who actually live it out. James similarly warns against being merely hearers of the Word without putting it into practice. It's easy to admire Jesus' teachings from a distance, but much harder to embody them in our daily lives. Today, choose one specific teaching of Jesus (perhaps from the Sermon on the Mount) and focus on living it out intentionally. Ask God for the strength and wisdom to be a "doer" of His Word, not just a hearer.

## Day 4: Reflecting God's Character Reading: Galatians 5:22-23

Devotional: As followers of Christ, we're called to reflect His character to the world. The fruit of the Spirit listed in Galatians gives us a picture of what this looks like: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. These aren't traits we can manufacture on our own, but the natural result of the Holy Spirit's work in our lives. Today, examine your life for evidence of this fruit. Where do you see growth? Where do you

need more of the Spirit's transforming power? Ask God to cultivate His fruit in your life, making you a clearer reflection of His character.

Day 5: A City on a Hill Reading: Isaiah 2:2-5

Devotional: Jesus' words about being a "city on a hill" echo Isaiah's prophecy about God's temple being established as the highest mountain, drawing all nations to it. As the church - God's temple on earth - we're called to be that beacon of hope and truth in the world. This isn't about building impressive buildings or creating flashy programs, but about embodying God's love and justice in such a way that people are drawn to Him through us. Today, pray for your local church and the global Church. Ask God how you can play your part in making the Church a true "city on a hill" that attracts people to the light of Christ.