

Questions:

1. How do you think people who are not Christians tend to view Christians? Do they view them positively or negatively? Explain your answer.
2. In what ways have Christians throughout the world had a positive impact on the society? In what ways have we had a negative impact?
3. Read Matthew 13:24-30 and 13:36-43. Why do you think Christians are so quick to judge or attack other people? What do you think Jesus is trying to say to us through this parable? How might we apply this parable to our relationships with those who are not believers?
4. What responsibility do you think Christians have to impact our culture? How can we impact our culture without attacking those with whom we disagree? Can you give an example where you had a positive or negative impact on an unbeliever? What happened and what did you learn from the experience?
5. Read Matthew 5:13-16. What do you think it means to be salt and light in our world?
6. Do you agree with the statement, "Love the sinner; hate the sin?" Explain your answer. How is this statement better, "Love the sinner; hate your sin?"
7. How might you apply tonight's lesson to your life?