

Questions

1. Can you think of an example where someone was especially kind, good or generous to you, and you weren't expecting it? How did it make you feel? How did you feel toward the person who extended the kindness to you?
2. Read Matthew 5:13-16. What do you think Jesus meant when he said, "You are the salt of the earth?" How are we, as Christians, like salt? In what ways can we "lose our flavor?"
3. What do you think Jesus meant when he said, "You are the light of the world?" Why is "light" a good analogy for Christians? What are some ways in which we can let our light shine?
4. Read Matthew 5:16 and Matthew 6:1-4. How do we reconcile these passages? (One indicates we should let people see our good deeds and the other indicates we shouldn't.)
5. Have you ever had an occasion where you did something good for someone, and it opened the door for you to share your faith with them?
6. What are some of the good deeds we should be doing? Why do you think we don't do more for others?
7. Do you agree with John Wesley's quote: "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can?" What might happen if the church were known for the good deeds it constantly did for others?