



# CHANGE YOUR WORLD

## Leadership Conversation Guide – How to Be Salt and Light

### Main Idea

In this week's message, Dr. John Maxwell kicked off a new series called "Change Your World." We are called to change the world around us with the love of Jesus, and He equips us to do so when we experience His transforming power. In Matthew 5:13-16 (MSG), Jesus says we are here to be salt and light in the world, demonstrating His goodness and love in a way that changes lives. To be that salt and light, we need to see and value people like He does. Let's be agents of change by reaching and valuing every individual we meet. This is Jesus' plan for our lives, and we can make a difference!

### Make It Practical

- Value people by connecting with them.
- Add value to people by serving them. As we do this, we will gain influence in their lives and be able to more effectively share Jesus with them.
- Live good values, attracting others to the heart of God.
- Share good values so that others can experience the transforming power of life in Christ.

**“Let me tell you why you are here. You’re here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You’ve lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage. Here’s another way to put it: You’re here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We’re going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don’t think I’m going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I’m putting you on a light stand. Now that I’ve put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open**

**house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven."**

**Matthew 5:13-16 MSG**

### **Talk About It**

1. Dr. Maxwell said that we change when we are either hurt enough that we have to, see enough that we are inspired to, learn enough that we want to, or receive enough that we are able to. How have you experienced transformation in your life, and how has that transformation motivated you to help change the lives of others?
2. Why is it sometimes difficult to "value" every person in our lives? How does knowing Jesus values everyone and calls us to value every person motivate you to think about people differently?
3. Of the ways that we can be salt and light in the world, which comes most naturally to you, and which is the most challenging? Discuss practical ways you can show value to others.

**"JESUS VALUES PEOPLE SO MUCH THAT WHEN WE VALUE PEOPLE, HE TAKES IT PERSONALLY."**

### **Prayer**

Jesus, thank You for valuing every person You have created. Help us to see people like You do and to value all people. Empower us to be salt and light and truly make a difference in the Kingdom of God. As we work to help change our world, change us as well. In Your Name, Amen.

### **Leader Tips**

This Saturday is Serve Day, and there's no better way to add value to people's lives than by serving them. If your group doesn't have a Serve project planned, find one on the Serve App to participate in together!