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Stay Salty
Matthew 5:10-16

What makes work so hard?

Mt. 5:10 "Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

- Persecuted –
- Blessed – μακάριος makarios - _____
- How can those who are persecuted be blessed?

Three Promises for Those Who Suffer for Doing Good Work:

I. We will be _____ by God.

Mt. 5:11-12 "Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

II. We will _____.

Mt. 5:13 "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men (people)."

Uses of Salt in the Ancient World:

1. _____ for food.
2. _____ of food.
3. _____ for food production.

III. We will allow people to see _____.

Mt. 5:14-16 "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; 15 nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

Point:



Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

1. What makes your work (school) hard?
2. How do you respond to insults and false accusations at work (school)?
3. What would it look like for you to be salt and light in your workplace?
4. When have you experienced God's reward for your graceful suffering at work?
5. When have you seen people "glorify God" because of your suffering at work?

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