



INTRODUCTION

Relevant—Part 4

Rel•e•vant (adjective)

-having a bearing on or connection with the matter at hand

-meaningful or purposeful in current society or culture

Is the church still relevant today? That's a fair question. Here's another: in the face of rapid societal change and unprecedented challenge, does the church have anything to say or contribute to the world that is meaningful and helpful? A lot of people would say "no"—church is old-fashioned and irrelevant to real life.

What do you think?

Tune in to the series, Relevant, as we see how the message, methods, and ministry of The Ridge is more relevant today than ever before.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How do you think people these days view Christians? Positively or negatively? Explain your answer.
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. What are some of the best ways we, as Christians, can bring about good in our society?
5. How might you apply this lesson to your life?

APPLICATION

As Christians, what is our role to influence our society for good? Life is better for individuals and for society when we do things God's way.

Jesus compares our lives to salt and light (*Matthew 5:13-16*). We make the best impact in our culture by what we are more than what we say or do. If we make compromises with the world and don't maintain our distinctiveness through the way we live, or if we try to hide the fact we are Christians, and don't just humbly, but boldly, live out our faith, we will lose our impact.

Be the best salt and light you can be!

KEY VERSES (CSB)

Proverbs 12:28

1 John 2:15-17

Matthew 5:13-16

James 1:27

Galatians 5:19-23