

BRIDGING THE GAP

- Matthew 5:13-16 -

"Light" refers primarily to our _____

"Salt" refers primarily to our _____

Non-believers' perception of Christianity:

- 1. Christians are _____.
- 2. Christians are _____.
- 3. Christians are _____.

"Only _____% describe Christians as people they can _____.

Bridging the gap. . . four steps. . .

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____

Application Questions. . .

- 1. What especially spoke to you in this passage?
- 2. What can we conclude about *our purpose in life* from verses 13-16?
- 3. What does Jesus mean by the word "righteous" in the way He uses it in Matthew 9:13?
- 4. In the way you relate to "undesirable types," are you more like Matthew (inviting them to your party), the Pharisees (looking down on them), or the disciples, (unsure what to do)? Why?
- 5. How would someone "full of grace and truth" treat others?
- 6. What traditions in your church might make it difficult for new people to feel at home there? How could we change these things?
- 7. Which of the "four steps" seems to be the biggest challenge for the church as a whole? For you, individually? Come up with one 'action step' you can take to become more intentional. Explain