

PARTICIPANT WORKSHEET

This week we consider what the church should look like, if we're really committed to God's whole-life, whole-world mission. You'll think about your church's current image, hear from a church in South Kirkby, look at the early church and what Jesus taught about the church, and then think about how your church might become more salty and radiate more light in your community and beyond.

Brainstorm

1. What would people in this local area say about your church if asked what they thought of it?

2. What would you like people in this local area to say about your church?

The South Kirkby clip

How easy or difficult is it for a church to change its image?

Church talk

Group discussion

Matthew 5:13-16. Answer either **salt** or **light/city** questions:

Salt

- In what ways is your church mixed into different communities throughout the week at the moment, eg the mums at school, the staff at my workplace, etc?

- What parts of the local community is your church not mixed into?

- How can your church support everyone being more 'salty' in both those parts?

Light/city

- Do you think your church spends more time and energy radiating light within your own four walls, or beyond? Give examples.

- What situations/issues/groups could your church shine some light into
 - locally?
 - further afield?

Take-away action

Now you know some more about the communities and people that each of you is connected to, commit to pray for one other person in the group every day this week, that they would be salt and light in that context and be able to be a godly, loving influence in those places.

Name of person you're praying for:

The places where that person can be salt and light: