

Making and Growing Disciples in our Nation

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24.6 Million People in Australia



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- **Where is the church?**



21 Million People Unchurched



- **Where is the church?**



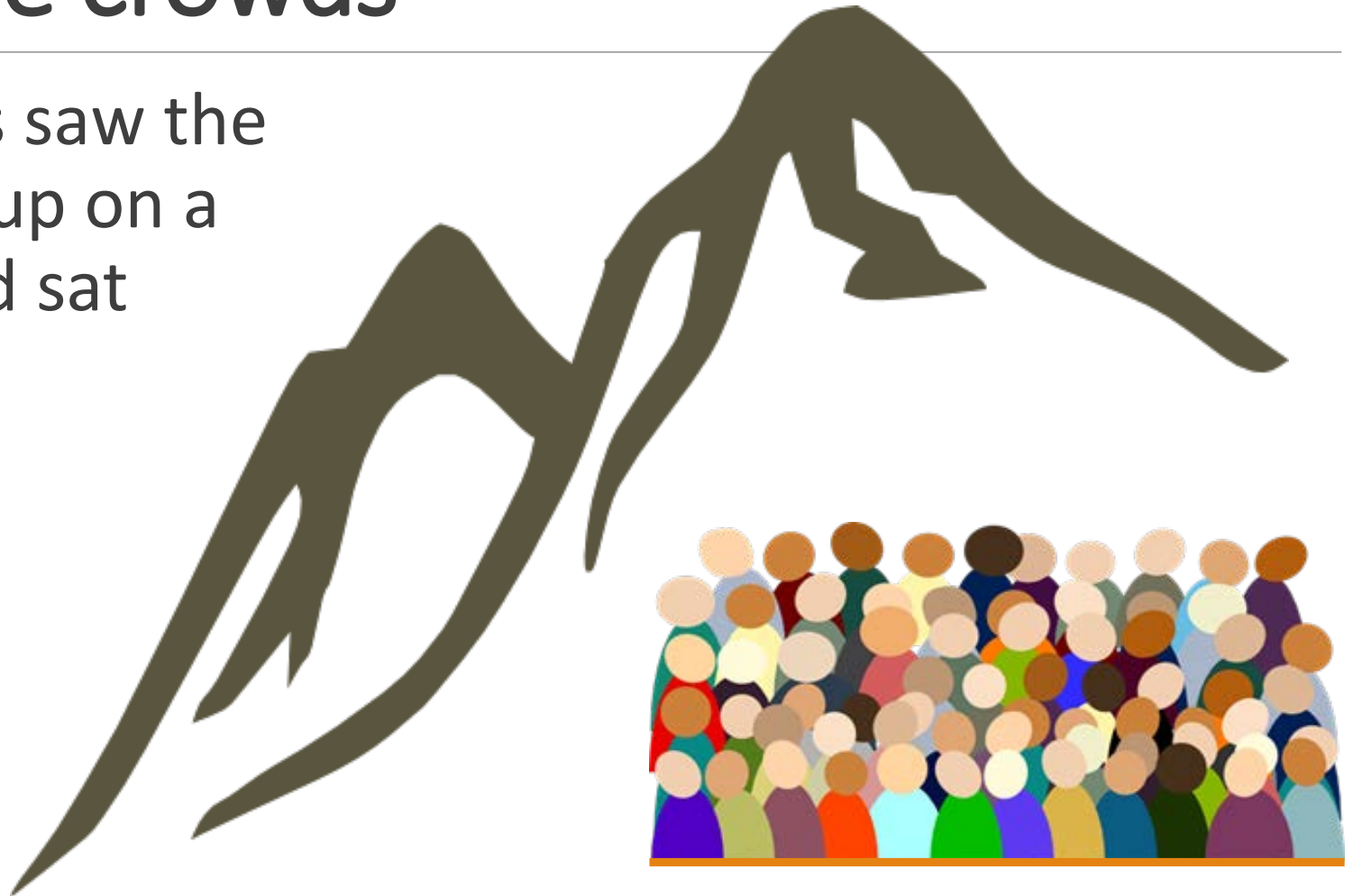
Matthew 5:13-16

“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men.

“You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”

Jesus saw the crowds

“Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down.” (5:1)



Jesus sees the crowds ...



salt and light...



“You are the salt of the earth You are the light of the world.” (5:13,14)



salt ...



- valuable commodity
- used as currency
- adds flavour
- used as a preservative
- cures meat
- heals wounds
- removes bitterness
- changeless

... makes a
difference

if salt ...



- “It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men.” (13)

... loses its
saltiness

light...

- “A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.” (14-15)



...let it shine

salt and light...



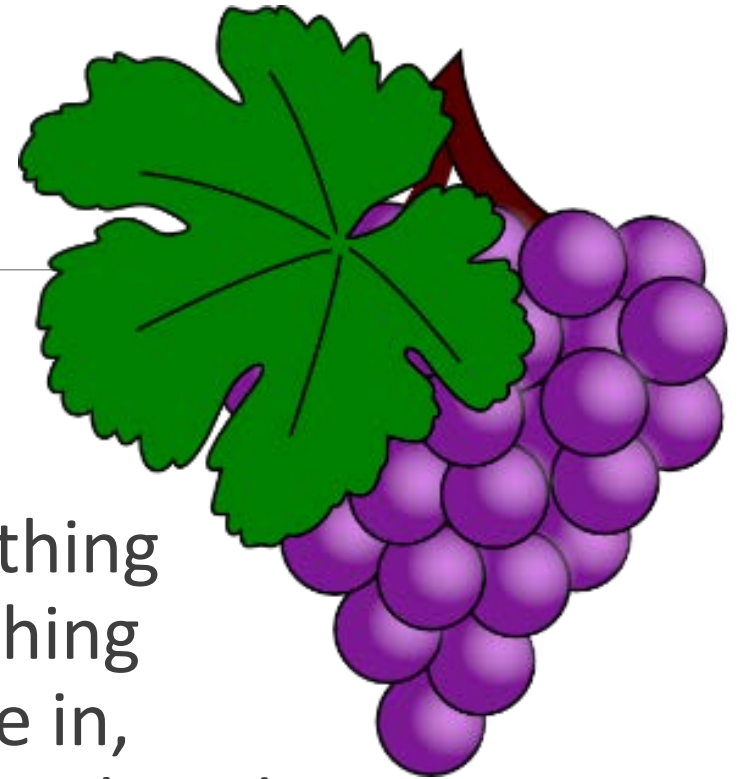
“... that they may see your good deeds.”(16)



...good deeds

see your good deeds...

- ❖ A Different People (vv. 3-12)
- ❖ “Every good tree bears good fruit.” (6:17)
- ❖ “For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.” (25:35-36)



...good fruit

salt and light...



“... they may see your good deeds **and glorify your Father in heaven.**”(16)



...glorify our
Father in
heaven

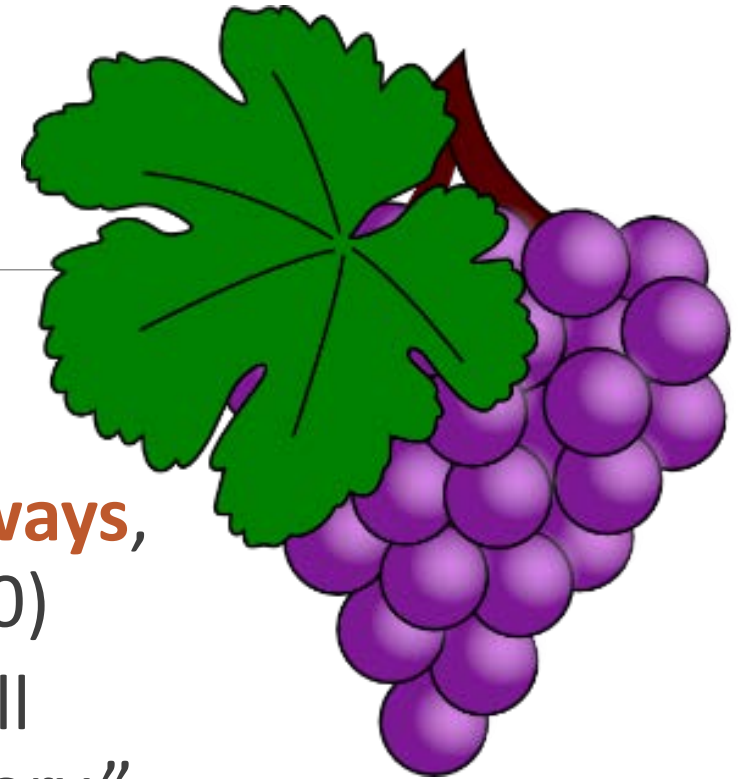
making & growing disciples

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap **a harvest** if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people.”
(Galatians 6:9-10)



connected

- ❖ “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples ... and surely **I will be with you always**, to the very end of the age.” (Matthew 28:20)
- ❖ “If you remain in me and I in you, you will **bear much fruit**; ... this is to my Father’s glory.” (John 15:5,8)



...bear much fruit



**Where is the salt?
Where is the light?**