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Can others taste Jesus in your life, your words, your work ethic, your relationships?
Is your light shining in such a way that others are drawn to it?

What do you need to shift in your life to be more effective at the previous question?

What can we learn about God from these passages?

Is there anything you feel the Holy Spirit nudging you to look at more closely?

Prayer:

Father, thank you for giving us the ability to be salt and light in this world. Lord, give us the strength to pour out our lives in an effort to make you known and bring you glory. May others taste something different in us, something holy and sweet, that they don't taste in us what the world has to offer. We pray that your light shining through our lives would lead others to you.
In the name of Jesus, amen.

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