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- Universal \_\_\_\_\_. The metaphors of salt and light imply something about disciples' role in the world.
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- Negative \_\_\_\_\_. While Jesus describes what is necessarily true about our identity and role in the world, it is still possible to spoil and thus refuse that divine calling.
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- Serious \_\_\_\_\_. If we are Christ's chosen agents of salvation to the world, there is no \_\_\_\_\_:
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