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“Life on Mission”
(Part 1 -10 part series –Biblical Descriptions of Life on Mission)
“An Active Salt-Shaker for Jesus”
Matthew 5:13

1. The Two-fold purpose of salt.

- To prevent corruption; to purify
- To produce flavor

2. The Two-fold problems with salt.

- Contamination –too much outside influence
- Concentration –too much so that it overwhelms

3. The two-fold plan to be the salt of the earth.

- Have a healthy relationship with Christ. (Mark 9:50)
- Have healthy relationships with people.
 1. Christ-followers. (Mark 9:50)
 2. The world. (Col. 4:5)

4. The Two-fold presentation of salt to the earth. (Col. 4:6)

- Walk in wisdom. (Col. 4:5)
- Speak with grace. (Col. 4:6)

Application:

1. Evaluate the problems with “salt” as it relates to your life. Is there a contamination problem or a concentration problem? What needs to change?
2. Make some priority decisions for 2019 that will develop your relationship with Christ. Make some priority decisions that will help you be more intentional in your relationships with the world.
3. Pray for opportunities this week to be “salt” in someone’s life. What words of grace can you give to someone in need?



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Life group Questions/ Discussion

Main thought of the Study – When we are on mission with Jesus we have an influence on this world with our words and our actions. Jesus uses the illustration of salt to teach us how to make a difference in this world.

Discussion Question – Are you a “no salt added” person, a “little salt added” or “heavy handed” salt user? Have you ever had a meal with too much salt? Were you able to eat it?

Reflections from the Message

1. Salt is used to keep meat from spoiling. If Christ-followers are salt, what role do we have to stop the decay of the world? (Matthew 5:13) Describe the character of a Christ-follower that can bring a difference even in a non-Christian environment. (Galatians 5:22-23)
2. Jesus says we can lose our ability to bring flavor. (Matthew 5:13) Share with one another the ways we are tempted to be like the world. (Compare I John 2:15) Sometimes we can have too much salt. Have you ever seen a church or Christ-followers come on too strong? What was the result? Read I Peter 3:15. Describe the spirit of our ministry in the world based on this verse.
3. Jesus says we need to have salt in ourselves. (Mark 9:50) We have nothing to share unless we first allow the Lord to fill our hearts. Share some practical ways that you stay focused on the Lord throughout the day and to “have salt in yourself.”
4. Jesus reminds us that healthy relationships with one another helps us to be the salt of the earth. (Mark 9:50) If we are fighting as Christians it contaminates our ability to bring any spiritual flavor to the world. Share a time when you were able to resolve something with someone and the difference it made in your ability to serve.
5. In ministering to non-Christians what does “salt” look like according to Colossians 4:5-6? Discuss the power of your words when they are seasoned with grace. (Compare Ephesians 4:29)

Application:

1. Is there a relationship that you have in the body of Christ that is broken and is lacking “peace”? What can you do this week to promote peace?
2. What words need to change in your vocabulary? Think of someone with whom you can write a note of positive encouragement.
3. Brainstorm as a group. Is there a place in our community that needs God’s salt? Where can you go to make a difference?