

# **Salt and Light Message Notes**



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# Bridge Group Study Guide

For the week of March 17, 2024

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## MY STORY

1. What is your favorite salty food?
2. Have you ever been in a total blackout, where it has been impossible to see your hand in front of your face? How did that feel?
3. Do you like your house with a lot of light or with dim light? Why?
4. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

## DIGGING DEEPER

1. Pastor Mark explained how Jesus was telling his disciples that they were the salt of the world. Modern translations record Jesus' words in verse 13 as, "You are the salt of the earth."
  - a. Why would Jesus say such a thing to this group of--by worldly standards--uneducated, insignificant Galilean disciples?
2. Salt is a preservative. Being an antiseptic, salt prevents decaying meat from becoming even more rotten and corrupt. In countries where there is no refrigeration, people rub salt into meat to keep it from going bad. Salt is necessary for flavor. Salt is a fertilizer. Salt produces thirst. Salt symbolizes purity. Using these characteristics of salt, why did Jesus use this comparison to describe Christians in relation to unbelievers?
3. The Second part of verse 13 says "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 underfoot." How can we as Christians lose our saltiness?
4. What has been in the news lately that indicates society is rotting and decaying?

5. Let's read John 8:12, Ephesians 5:8-16, Philippians 2:14-18, and Revelation 21:23-25
  - a. What are some practical ways we can function as salt where we live and work?
  - b. Can people in your family, workplace and neighborhood see that you are a disciple of Jesus Christ? Why or why not?
  - c. In the same way that Jesus compared us to salt, and told us our value to the world, He now compares us to the light. What connotations does this have for us as Christians in this modern world?
  - d. How can we shine while we still have to live in this world that is broken and dark?
6. Let's read Exodus 34:29-35
  - a. Did Moses' radiant light come from his works, who he was, where he came from, or his own holiness? Why did Moses' face shine before the people?
  - b. How do these Bible verses reflect how we can be light in this dark world?
  - c. Jesus says that a town on a hill cannot be hidden. Why might we be tempted to hide our light?
  - d. When is it most difficult to be distinctively Christian and stand apart from the world?
  - e. What is the darkest relational sphere in your life currently: family, friendships, work, or your neighborhood? How can you bring the brightest light to shine in this darkest area?

## **TAKING IT HOME**

We are to be salt that hinders the spread of corruption. We are to create thirst for more truth. We are to bring flavor to society, serve as a preservative, and make others long for the righteousness of God. The goal of letting our light shine is not to bring credit to ourselves or make people respect us. It is instead to bring glory to God, to attract people to Him. We are called to be light. Many times, we are content by visiting church on Sundays and filling ourselves with His Word, but He did not intend that we hoard the light of His teaching for ourselves. He wants us to share it with others. We should let our light, which

reflects Jesus' light, to shine brightly, causing many to see our good works, which will glorify our Father in heaven. ***Let's be Salt and Light.***

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