

Growth Group ‘Go Deeper’ Questions

1. What part of the sermon did you enjoy the most and why?
2. Jesus’ words in Matthew 28:18-20 and then in Acts 1:8 are directed to believers/disciples/Christians. As a Christ follower how do you view or understand Jesus’ words? Do you see yourself in His instructions?
3. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus taught that Christians are to be Salt and Light. In your own words, what do you think Jesus meant by those two metaphors?
4. Jesus expands on being salt by describing if salt loses its taste it would become useless. Now read, John 15:1-8. How are Jesus’ words in Matthew 5 and John 15 connected? What truths can you see in both passages that apply to Christ followers?
5. Pastor Brant showed us from Jesus’ instruction in Matthew 5, that salt has two essential components that are required to be effective or “Highly Contagious” — potency and proximity. What can we learn from this that will help us in our Kingdom assignment of evangelism?

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Part 2: “S a l t”

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“And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”
 — Matthew 28:18-20 (NKJV)

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” — Acts 1:8 (NKJV)

“All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. 20 We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God. 21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”
 — 2 Corinthians 5:18-21 (NIV)

"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 underfoot."

14 *"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 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. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."* — Matthew 5:13-16 (NIV)

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"Highly Contagious"

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Why Salt?

1. Salt _____

"On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink." — John 7:37 (NKJV)

"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." — Romans 12:2 (NKJV)

2. Salt _____

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law." — Galatians 5:22-23 (NKJV)

*"I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: 2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; 4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. 5 But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the **work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.**" — 2 Timothy 4:1-4 (NKJV)*

3. Salt _____

"Therefore, dear brothers and sisters, you have no obligation to do what your sinful nature urges you to do. 13 For if you live by its dictates, you will die. But if through the power of the Spirit you put to death the deeds of your sinful nature, you will live." — Romans 8:12-13 (NLT)