

## Be Salty for Jesus

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Mark 9:38-50

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### Ultimate Question

- What do you take seriously in life? What are your priorities?

### Recent Events for Disciples

- previously failed to cast out demon...
- now stopping a man who was casting out demons...
- Jesus had asked about greatest argument...

### An Unexpected Answer

- Jesus reply had to catch disciples off-guard
- Jesus sided with unauthorized exorcists
- Did they grasp the economy of the Kingdom yet?

### Another Set of Intense Lessons 42-49

- 1) The seriousness of sin in close life relationships 42
  - 2) the seriousness of sin in my own life 43-48
  - 3) sin affects my testimony to the surrounding world 49
- little ones who believe: those you influence around you
  - You're an ambassador for Jesus<sup>2Cor5:20</sup>
  - Think of at least 4 people closest to you... how influence?
  - God calls you to be an 'influencer' for Christ
  - Don't forget the seriousness of sin- amputate it!

### Salted With Fire 49

- Odd statement, OT background Lev 2:13
- Salt was mixed with sacrifice to show importance
- Combine fire & salt to remind followers that following Jesus whereby we are salted & living sacrifices

### God's Purpose for Salt 50

- God saves us that we might be salt to the world!
- Let the Gospel faith shine to be salty
  - God is Great - you don't have to be in control
  - God is Glorious - you don't have to fear others
  - God is Good - you don't have to look elsewhere
  - God is Gracious - you don't have to prove yourself
- Remember why Jesus came:
  - to redeem you and set you free to serve God
  - when you fail, remember Jesus didn't fail
  - remember the seriousness of sin so that you can walk as an instrument of God's glory and grace!

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