

## Seasoning Your World

Matthew 5:13

### 1. In what ways are you meant to be salt?

- a. Salt was used as \_\_\_\_\_: *You are meant to \_\_\_\_\_ your world.*
- b. Salt was used as a \_\_\_\_\_: *You are meant to \_\_\_\_\_ your world.*
- c. Salt was used as \_\_\_\_\_: *You are meant to \_\_\_\_\_ your world.*

### 2. How does salt become useless?

- a. Over time salt would get leached out by moisture.
- b. Salt would get mixed with other substances.

### 3. What happens to useless salt?



**BE DIFFERENT**  
**LIVE DIFFERENT**

Matthew 5-7



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**In what ways are you  
meant to be salt?**



**Matthew 5:13**

**You are the salt of the earth...**

***What uses of salt did Jesus  
have in mind?***



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You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become **tasteless**, how will it be made salty again? It is good for nothing anymore, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men.

“Tasteless” is from the word *moros* which means to be foolish or useless.



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# **Salt had three primary uses:**

It was used as seasoning.

It was used as a preservative.

It was used as fertilizer.

*Which did Jesus have in mind?*



**Matthew 5:13**

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*Jesus likely had in mind salt's usefulness in general.*



**In what ways are you  
meant to be salt?**

Salt was used as seasoning:



*Salt was most commonly  
used to season foods  
for flavor.*



**Job 6:6**

Can something tasteless be eaten  
without salt, Or is there any taste in  
the white of an egg?



**In what ways are you  
meant to be salt?**

Salt was used as seasoning:

*You are meant to season  
your world.*



**Colossians 4:6**

Let your speech always be with grace,  
seasoned, as it were, with salt,  
so that you may know how you should  
respond to each person.



*Are you adding the  
flavor of Christ to the  
world around you?*



**In what ways are you  
meant to be salt?**

Salt was used as a preservative:



*Salt was used to preserve meats in an era without refrigeration.*



**In what ways are you  
meant to be salt?**

Salt was used as a preservative:

*You are meant to preserve  
your world.*



**Matthew 5:13**

**You are the salt *for* the earth...**



**Psalm 40:11**

You, O LORD, will not withhold Your compassion from me; Your lovingkindness and Your truth will continually preserve me.

*God's compassion, kindness,  
and truth are preservatives.*



*When you add God's  
compassion, kindness,  
and truth to your world,  
you help to preserve it.*



**In what ways are you  
meant to be salt?**

Salt was used as fertilizer:



*Salt was, and still is,  
used to fertilize the soil.*



**Luke 14:34-35**

Therefore, salt is good;  
but if even salt has become useless,  
with what will it be seasoned?  
It is neither useful for the soil  
nor for the manure pile;  
it is thrown out.



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*You are meant to fertilize  
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### **Ephesians 4:15-16**

...we are to grow up in all aspects into Him, who is the head, even Christ, from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by that which every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.



*Is your life an agent for  
gospel growth in the  
world around you?*



**How would salt  
become useless?**



**Matthew 5:13**

...but if the salt has become **useless**...

*Salt is a stable compound  
that cannot lose its saltiness.*



*It's helpful to understand  
the sources for their salt.*















**How would salt  
become useless?**

Over time salt would get leached  
out by moisture.



*What will leach out the  
distinctiveness of Christ  
in your life?*



# **Time with the world.**

**Romans 12:2**

**Do not be conformed to this world...**

**1 Corinthians 15:33**

**Do not be deceived:**

**"Bad company corrupts good morals."**



# **Time away from the Lord.**

**Jeremiah 2:31-32**

O generation, heed the word of the LORD.  
Have I been a wilderness to Israel, Or a land  
of thick darkness? Why do My people say,  
'We are free to roam; We will come no  
more to You'? Can a virgin forget her  
ornaments, Or a bride her attire?  
Yet My people have forgotten Me Days  
without number.



*Christ is your adornment;  
will you neglect Him and  
forget to put Him on?*



# How would salt become useless?

Over time salt would get leached out by moisture.

Salt would get mixed with other substances.



Mark 9:50

Salt is good;

but if the salt **becomes unsalty**,  
with what will you make it salty again?

*If the salt becomes  
“without salt”*



*What is getting mixed  
into your life that is  
crowding out Christ?*



**Matthew 6:19 and 21**

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures upon  
earth, where moth and rust destroy,  
and where thieves break in and steal...  
for where your treasure is,  
there will your heart be also.



*What you treasure will  
capture your heart.*

*What captures your  
heart will fill up your life.*



**What happened to  
useless salt?**

It got thrown out and  
trampled under foot.



**Matthew 5:13**

...if the salt has become useless, how will it be made salty again? It is good for nothing anymore, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men.

*Useless “salt” was thrown into the streets because it would harm the soil.*



*Your usefulness in this  
world is tied to what you  
are adding to it.*



*Are you salt in the  
world around you?*