



# Talk-It-Over

*"PASS THE SALT"*

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## **READ Matthew 5:13**

<sup>13</sup> "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet."

### **READ:**

- **Why did Jesus use salt as an illustration for us?**
  - Salt seasons and **flavors** food, just as Christians should enhance and benefit the people and society around them.
  - Salt is a **preservative**, just as Christians and the church should resist moral corruption and decay, preserving a godly influence on the culture.
  - Salt has **healing properties**, just as followers of Jesus must help bring healing to people who are hurting physically, emotionally, or spiritually.
  - Salt also **creates thirst**, just as Christians – through their good example should create spiritual thirst, giving people a desire to know more about God and influencing many to follow Jesus.

- How salty would you say your life is in your opinion?
- In what ways should a Christian's life "*flavor*" society?
- Is there a difference between Christian morality & morality in general? Why or why not?
- What does a "*preserving*" life look like?
- Share a moment you've witnessed another Christian being used by God to bring "*healing*" to someone emotionally, spiritually, or physically?
- How might our lives create a "*thirst*" in others to know more about Christ?
- Which of the salt qualities (flavors, preserves, heals, creates thirst) would you say is your strongest? Weakest?
- What does Jesus say about a professing Christian's life losing its saltiness? What do you think Jesus means?

**Let's remember that only the Holy Spirit can make our lives salty. So the call is not just to "*try harder*" or "*do the best we can*" but to rely more upon God's Spirit who lives in us. (READ Galatians 5:16-26)**

