



Week 2: Salt & Light - Discovering & Regaining our Saltiness in Christ

We are not promoting another evangelism program, another night out, but rather a lifestyle, of being a witness for Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. (with both the gifts & fruit of the Holy Spirit.) We *ARE ALL* called to be **witnesses**, we are not all called to be **evangelists**

Being a witness for Christ is the “OVERFLOW” of your own personal love relationship with Jesus. What your heart/life is full of will overflow in your words & way you live!

Math 22:36-38 1st & 2nd commands, to love the Lord your God withal your heart and to love your neighbor as you would yourself.

The great command overflows into the great commission! Math 28:18-20

ill. Our two daughters when they fell in love. Acts 4:12, 17-18, 20,30

Jesus said in Acts 1:8, Rom:5:5 - You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you will be My witness in Jerusalem, (over flow) Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the earth.

Holy Spirit infilling was to cause an OVERFLOW, to ends of the world Rom:5:5

Jesus, in the sermon on Mt, made a bold prophetic declaration of His, plan & purpose for His Church to be worldwide!

- Mat 5:13 “You ARE the salt of the earth. BUT if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? * Personalize!
- Message version: “You ARE the salt seasoning of the earth that brings out the God flavors of this earth. (We will explore and unpack later.)
- Mark 9:50 Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with each other.

Being Salty, is living, real, authentic & relevant lives, making Jesus appetizing, (mouthwatering) “heart watering” to others. *not perfect!

In Titus 2:10 we are called to live in such a way, that makes the teachings about God our Saviour attractive. (appealing) to others. Teaching lived!

Not sweet or sour but “SALTY”

The Hebrew word for SALT is a verb not a noun, our lives are to be more than just containers of salt but salt sprinkled out! ill a salt cellar! For that to happen we have to be turned KJV Acts 17:6 “upside down”

ill. We use to have a salt swimming pool, testing, gadget that measures saltiness, put against your skin to test your heart salt levels.

Every Hebrew knew their source of salt, was the “Dead Sea”

The lowest exposed land on earth +-400 meters below sea level.

When there is less of us exposed, more of Jesus can be revealed through us.
Acts 1:8 the word Witness in Greek is Martyr, one who dies for their faith.
In your daily witness for Christ, there is a dying to self that He can be revealed.
You die to self not by focusing on yourself woe is me, of beating up yourself but by obedience to truth the Bible. Mat 28:20, John 14:21, Mat 7, James 1:22.

What causes you to lose your saltiness?

Conforming & compromise with the world Rom 12:1-3 exposure to elements
By living in the past. Gen19:26 Lot's wife etcpillar of salt noun not verb
Offences by people, trip fall, fear of man, lack of knowledge. * Bible school "coned" then I get caught up literal building projects, raising monies etc Then trying to build the church, John 10 lead in & out...
Look up: what does the Bible say about that?
Repent, confess, receive His mercy, forgiveness & cleansing.... so you can become SALTY again!

Where does our "saltiness" come from? It comes from HIM!
1977-78 national service 2 years no option... I spent 9 months in Walvis bay use to be part of South Africa. Not far from our naval base were "salt pans" It's where I walked & talked, daily tide comes in.. fill shallows.. then close off .. evaporate .. surface layer of salt .. quickly accumulate into vast mounds....

I sensed the Lord say Wally every day allow the tide of my love, My Words, My Mercy, Grace who "I Am" flow over you & there is a deposit of salt placed in you ... you become & stay salty. daily disciplines quietness, reading, studying, meditating, listening... living a life fully surrendered, walking in step with Him.
ill. Ever noticed when you swim in sea, dry in sun, can see salt on skin.
However, our inner man indwelt by Christ can be bucket loads!

Learning to live in vital union with HIM, abiding John 15:7 & Acts 17:28
"IN" relationship/friendship with Jesus! the essence of Christianity.
What is He saying to you today, (two way) through the Bible and His still small inner voice? That is your vital connection with Him, to hear His voice in a real living growing relationship, not via sms, emails, Facebook, etc.
Result is living in "Awe & wonder" of Him! Does Jesus still wow you?

John 17:3 Now this is eternal life, to know the one and only true God and Jesus Christ is One and only Son. To Know Him and make Him known!

How can we stay full of His Salt in our lives?
ill When I 1st a believer, encouraged to read Scriptures, look for who God is!
His character, nature, attributes, ways, titles, names, etc.
That developed into a God alphabet, discovering & experiencing who God is and then to sprinkle that reality onto others.

You can only sprinkle out, pass on “God flavors of salt to the degree you have experienced God for yourself, i.e. Love, forgiveness, nearness, closeness, kindness, patience, mercy, grace, etc. ill Shirley basket of flavours.

We are called to be His ambassadors representing Him, 2 Cor 5:20 not a sales rep’s selling or promoting a gospel product. Rom 1:9 Person, Jesus!

Look to find in Scripture who, God is > promises of God!

Find Place, Stillness, Imagine, Music, that stirs Faith to Action.

Connect with Jesus through the Scriptures, visualize, mix faith, be salted.

Learn to meditate, reflect, ponder, muse... on who God is! will SALT you!

Worship God for who He is..... will overflow to being a witness for Him.

Both our daughters at their weddings, the photographers caught something profound walking down the aisle, the fixed gaze of the bride & groom, on each other. One my goals is to help people see Jesus. ill see pictures

Heb 12:1-3 Fix your eyes on Jesus the author and perfecter of your faith.

TO KNOW HIM AND MAKE HIM KNOWN.

My personal one:

Above, Adventure, Alone, Ascended, Able, Accepting, Ability, Ageless Abounding, Adopting, Accessible, Affirming, All knowing, Awe- inspiring, Awesome, All sufficient, All Mighty, Ancient of Day’s, Alpha, Answer..

Better than, Beautiful, Brilliant, Belong to Him, Beyond, Bread, Believable

Compassionate, Creative, Caring, Comforting, Consistent, Captain, Carries, Centre, Circumference, Certainty, Champion, Considers everything, Courage,

Dad, Detailed, Delivering, Definite, (not abstract) Directive, Draws, Declares life, Deep God, my Desire for You, Desperate for you, Double portion God,

Eternal, Excellent, Endearing, Enduring, Ear & Eye of Lord, Ease, nothing a sweat for God, Enabling God, Encounter, Enjoy, Establishing,

Faithful, Face of, Fatherly, Forgiving, Fearless & to be Feared (Biblically) Full of, I am His Favourite, Fights for me, Finish what He has started, Forever, Generous, Gentle, Glorious, Gracious, Good, Great, Goes before me, He’s Green recycles our messes into His message.

Holy, Humble, Humorous, Harmonious, My ever present Help, Lord of my Heart, my Hiding place, I live to Honour You, my Hope, High Priest,

Impartial, Intimate, Incomprehensible, Indescribable, Infinite, Invisible, I AM! Initiates’, great Ideas, my Identity is in Him,

Just, Joyous, Jealous, Jokes, my Judge, so I don't have to vindicate...

Kind, King of kings, heaven, glory, ages, and eternal, Kisses, Kneel, Knows,

Life, Lord, Light, Long suffering, Lavish, Laughs, Liberty, no Lid with You, Listen, Lovely, Looking out for you, Likes, Love study & immerse yourself in God's love is deep & wide and has depth & breath, it is Resistible, Relentless, Abounding, Unfathomable, Unlimited, Flawless, Matchless, Lavish, Precious, Priceless, Tender, Dear, Deep, Kind, Thoughtful, Enduring, Endearing, Patient, Strong, Unfailing, Everlasting, Inseparable, His love wrecks you,etc.

Merciful, Majestic, Micro & Macro, beyond Measure, Miracle working God, Mystery of who God is,

Near, Never to busy, or in a rush, New,

Overcoming, Omniscient, Omnipresent, Omega, Organic, Original (so don't copy), Older brother,

Patient, Present, 24/7, Peace, Perfect, Personal, Practical, Protective, Providing, Possibility God, PTY unlimited, Palm of His hand, takes our pain, past & present reshape it, cross was Payment in full, Physician, He sees Potential in us, what we can't see,

Quite & quick, He Qualify us,

Righteous, Romantic, Revealer of mysteries truth, Relentless, Rest in His love, Reigns over all, God's reach through me, Restoring, Rewarding God,

Sacrifice, spared not His one and only Son, Is Spirit, Self-existent, Supernatural, Steadfast, Self-control, Sensitive, my Security, nothing can Separate me from His love, be Still & Silence,

Taste and see, Thirst for You, Tireless, Truth, Timing of God, Thoughtful, Tests us, never tempts, You Tread down my enemies, Today is the day of Salvation,

Unchanging, Understanding, Unique, Unrestricted, Unselfish,

Victorious, Voice of God, Visible (see His fingerprints & foot prints) God of the Valleys, Values me, View life from above,

Wise, Wrath, Will of God, Willing, Worship,

Xtreme, x-ray God see and knows our motives, thoughts everything.

Yes to all His promises. Lord of your Yesterday's,

Zealous, Zero failures with God,

Imagine starting off every day, and ending with! reflecting ON WHO HE IS!
Will make your life so salty. Outflow to others of who God is.

Application

Start writing out your own God alphabet looking up verses linking them to truths for you to meditate on, spring board for worship & salting yourself so you can sprinkle on others.

See who this week you can sprinkle a God flavor on who God is!

Salty conversation starters this week

Alter appeal

Life Group suggested discussion questions.

No specific order of questions please arrange as the Holy Spirit directs.

Please only discuss the questions you believe are best suited for your group now, not all of them.

The key is to facilitate and dialogue with your group, drawing out and finding out their understanding of being a "Salty Saint"

1. Do some memory jogging of the sermon for 3-5 minutes reflecting on what spoke to people's hearts without looking at their notes. How has it changed the way you think and live?
2. The truth of Mat 12:34 of what your heart is full of will be reflected in your words and lifestyle, honestly speaking what is the "prevailing overflow" of your life? i.e. what does most of your conversation centre around? And how do you think you can begin to change that to be more Christ centred?
3. Was there a time you lost your saltiness?, would you feel free and vulnerable to share that experience and the life lessons you learnt
4. How are your personal devotions going,? How can you make them more intimate, two way? Look at focusing on answers to deepening one's relationship with Jesus, by reflecting on who He is (the Jesus Alphabet) How is Jesus wowing your heart at this moment?
5. Suggest as a life group to start your own Jesus alphabet with chapter and verses and spur one another on, to really get to know Him and then to make Him known.
6. Who this week had an opportunity to share "sprinkle" some of God's flavours on to others?
7. Who this week saw or heard of a need that you can pray about, or in some way meet and in so doing demonstrate the kindness of God. Rom 2:4

Have a great time making disciples that change the world.