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1. What does it mean to be the “salt of the earth”?

2. What kind of “flavor” could Christians bring to the world?

3. How do irreligious people you interact with view Christians today?

4. In what ways have Christians become “tasteless”?

5. What does it mean to be the “light of the world”?

**“Jewish tradition considered Israel (Is 42:6; 49:6)
and Jerusalem (as well as God and the law)
the light of the world.”[†]**

6. If wicker oil lamps were common in Jesus’ day, what would happen if you put a light under a bowl? Why might we put our light “under a bowl” today?

7. In what ways can we let our light shine so that others will glorify God?

The phrase “light of the world” also appears in John 8:12 and 9:5, where Jesus applies it to himself.

8. What makes it difficult to let our light shine today?

RESPOND

* What kind of “flavor” do you feel led to bring to the world?

* How would you like to let your light shine before others?

PRAY

Ask God to help us keep our saltiness and brightness, particularly in our witness to the world.

*Craig S. Keener, *The IVP Bible Background Commentary: New Testament*, accordance electronic ed. (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1993), 57.

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