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THE SALT OF THE EARTH

Matthew 5:13

“You are _____.”

- This is about _____.
- This is a _____.
- The disciples of Jesus _____.
- The disciples of Jesus _____.

“But if salt has _____...”

- This would be a _____.
- The result is that _____.
- This occurs as _____.

We need to _____.

- Be intentional to _____.
- Be deliberate to _____.
- Be careful to _____.

Review & Study: THE SALT OF THE EARTH

A. Put to memory **Matthew 6:26** ^(ESV) *Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?*

B. Answer the following questions about **Matthew 5:13**.

1. Whose words are recorded here and who was his original audience? Who specifically is the “you” that is being addressed? How then should you take this revelation?
2. What does Jesus say that “you” are? How important was salt in Jesus’ days? Why is this? In what ways then, do the true disciples of Jesus affect the earth?
3. What catastrophic tragedy does Jesus present? Why would this be so bad? How might Christians loose their saltiness?

C. Answer the following questions about **Philippians 4:8-9**.

1. What are Jesus’ disciples called to do in verse 8? What do each of these qualities mean? What kinds of thought would not pass muster with this verse as the required criteria?
2. What does verse 9 direct Jesus’ disciples to do? What are the things that you have learned and received and heard from the Apostle Paul? What will happen if you do these things?
3. What can you do to have your thoughts and actions be in line with this instruction? Getting specific, how can you keep thoughts that do not pass muster from entering your mind?
4. How will following these instructions help you in being salty?

D. Answer the following questions about **1 Peter 3:13-16**.

1. What practical reality is presented in verses 13 and 14 and what should we not do?
2. What then should we do according to verse 15? How are we to do this (v. 16)? How does this relate to your saltiness?

E. Answer the following questions about **Revelation 11:15**.

1. What future reality is presented here? Until that day, who has God placed on earth to retard decay and draw people to him?

F. Application

1. How would you assess your saltiness? How have you seen your presence retard the putrid decay of the world?
2. What do you need to do to increase your saltiness?