

Out of the Saltshaker, Into the World

Scripture Reading — Colossians 3:1-17

*“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again?”
Matthew 5:13 —*

First challenge: Jesus calls his followers salt. Salt is meant to flavor food. It does no good in the saltshaker. Until it is shaken out and mixed into food, it is of little value.

God’s missionary people are meant to add flavor to the world (John 17:15-16). The comfortable way to live is the easy way, to stay encircled by like-minded Christians in holy huddles. But that is also the way to stifle our growth.

Nothing keeps us praying and diving deep into God’s Word like being with the “harassed and helpless” (Matthew 9:36) who are seeking after God. As we build relationships with seekers, we discover they are people whom God loves too. We are also drawn into a closer and deeper relationship with Christ as we share Christ’s life and love with them.

Second Challenge: We are to remain salty and flavorful. Working with people who have not yet experienced Jesus’ transforming love and grace, we see the power of addictions and the ugliness of sin. We are then driven to and not away from Christ, who keeps us salty by his Spirit in us. We are led to righteous anger at the false promises and seduction of the materialistic, hedonistic culture that seeks to deceive and enslave us.

How is your saltiness today?

Prayer

Lord, some of us know you. Others do not. May your Spirit enlighten, transform, and fill us in a way that flavors a world in need of you today. Amen.

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