

“SALTY SPIRITUALITY: A Life that Makes a Difference”

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Study Questions

1. Read a few passages on “the desolation of salt.” (Judges 9:45, Deuteronomy 29:23, Jeremiah 17:6, Mark 9:49)
2. Describe places you’ve been that had the sense of desolation described in these passages.
3. Salt is used as a symbol of God’s covenant. Are there other objects that remind you of God’s promises in your life?
4. Salt is a flavor enhancer. How do you try to bring flavor to your home, neighborhood, school, workplace and wider world?
5. Salt is a preservative. Is there a way that you live that represents God’s unchanging nature and consistent values? Is there a way to be salty without “throwing salt at the world?”
6. If salt, in moderation, is a health agent, how do we find the balance in the world? Different enough, but not *so* different that we lose our place of influence? A critical additive but an irritant when we “pour it on too thick.”

7. How can a faith community be salt in the wider community? Brainstorm ideals and ideas.

8. How do we keep the saltiness in our lives? What are the salt-stealers that make us lose our flavor?

9. Is there a specific place or people that God is nudging you to pour yourself out on? Why?

10. Affirm each other. "The thing that makes you salty is..."