

# STUDENT'S GUIDE

## Discussion Questions: Salt of the Earth

1. Salt of the Earth. (Read the verse outlined in red: Matthew 5:13a) Matthew is the only one who records Jesus stating this verse to his disciples. **What have you heard about what it takes to be the salt of the Earth? Moreover, what are we supposed to do about that?** \_\_\_\_\_

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2. **What is salt?** \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Where did the people in Jesus' time commonly obtain salt?** \_\_\_\_\_

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4. **What is salt used for?**

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5. The most challenging verse in the New Testament. (Read the verse outlined in green: Mark 9:49) **What does this mean? Is everyone going to be burned up in the fire?**

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6. Salt is good. (Read the verses outlined in black: Matthew 5:13b, Mark 9:50a, Luke 14:34). Jesus states, "salt is good." **What are some good qualities of salt?**

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7. Salt loses its flavor. **How can salt lose its saltiness?**

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8. The metaphor for Christians. **How can Christians lose their saltiness?**

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9. Luke defines "You are the salt of the earth." (Read the verses outlined in blue: Matthew 5:13c and Luke 14:35a). **What does Luke mean when Jesus states, "It is neither fit for the land nor for the dunghill?"**

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10. Have salt within yourselves. (Read the verse outlined in orange: Mark 9:50b). **How do we improve the strength and purity of our salt?**

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11. **What three things must salt have to affect the Earth (soil)?**

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12. **What three things must Christians do to affect the world?**

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