

Talk 1: Am I Salty?

PP1: Matthew 5:13

PP2 Consumer test time

If the Salt remains in the Salt Cellar it is useless.

Salt & shake crisps.. (Other Brands of Crisps are available!!) Hand round an open unsalted packet - taste them.. bit dull...

the salt's in the packet but it's inside its little blue bag.. if it stays in the bag it doesn't make any difference to the crisps - it's no good on its own, a mouthful of salt tastes horrid.

we need to rip open the blue bag, pour it out and give it a good old shake -

open bag, and salt and shake on the crisps.. hand that round

We need to be salt - but we're no good tied up in our own little blue bag.. our blue bag can be church or our home or our busy-ness. But if it seals off the salt from the world around us, if we don't get out and shake things up, it's pointless.

Hand out rest of the packets of crisps

PP3 Jesus said that we are to be like Salt
Salt is distinctive: it's important that our words, attitudes and actions be distinct from everyone else's

Salt adds flavour: wherever we find ourselves we need to be an influence for good and for God, bringing out the best in our culture

Salt preserves: we need to be examples of how to live life to the full in a decaying world.

Salt melts ice: we need to help melt the resistance of those who have not as yet embraced Jesus and help their hearts to be more open to Him.

Salt that has lost its saltiness is worthless:
What we do for God won't count unless we are acting as Salt.

PP4 Salt in the Community

• God want us to be like Salt in our community.

- So, what does that look like?
- Well we need to add God's flavour to all that happens around us.
- When we go to school or college, join a club, sing in a choir, we bring God's flavouring to that place, people or situation.
- Through our words, (Be)attitudes, and actions.
- So where is this place/people for you? (Call them out)
- Praying for Salty Christians to flavour all those activities. (Pastor to pray