

“BEING SALTY”

1. Do you have more of a sweet tooth or do you crave more savory flavors? If served a last meal, what would it be?

2. The first characteristic of salt is that it preserves. How are Christians the preserving element in the world? How does Jesus' Parable of the Weeds (Matthew 13:24-30) enhance/illustrate His point?

3. Have you been a preserving element in the lives of those around you? If so, how and to whom?

4. A second characteristic of salt is that it tastes good. How do Christians bring flavor to the world (Ps 34:8)?

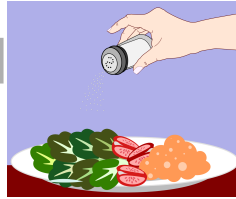
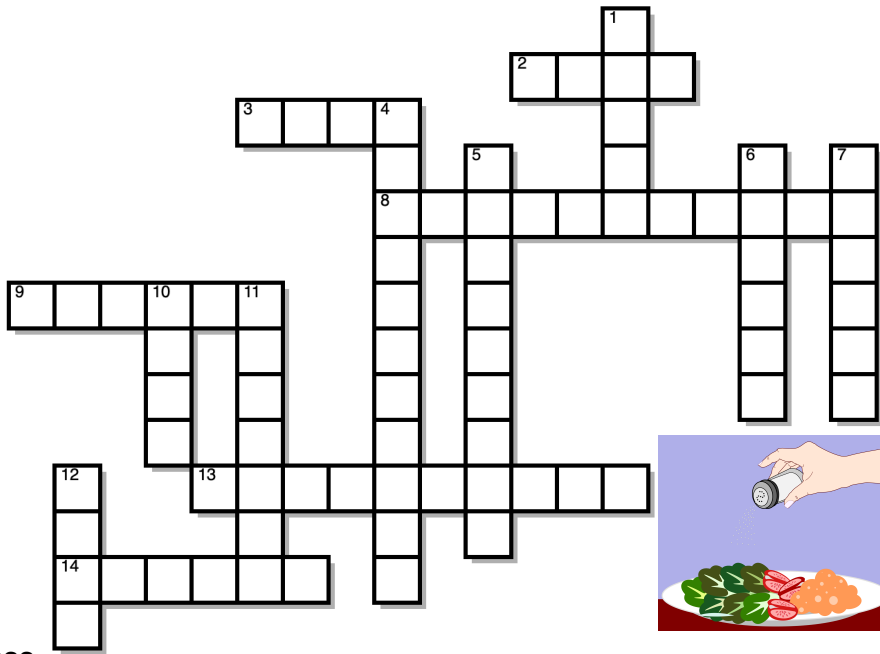
5. A third aspect of salt is that it heals you. How do Christians bring healing to the world? Who do you know who has experienced healing through the ministry of a Christian? Who has been healed because of you?

6. In scripture salt is seen to be something that is pure, something that is white, something that is holy and acceptable unto God. What is the element in scripture that seems to be salt's opposite? How is the holiness of the one and the unholiness of the other demonstrated in scripture?

7. Jesus warns His disciples not to be like salt that has lost its flavor. However, seeing as pure salt actually cannot lose its flavor (but Dead Sea salt can because it is diluted by other elements), what else might Jesus be communicating to His followers?

8. How does Satan generally attack a Christian's saltiness? What strategies does He use? Which are you most in danger of falling for?

9. What are some action steps you can take to ensure that you remain salty?



Across

- 2 The human body contains approximately _____ ounces of salt.
- 3 The _____ Sea has a salinity of 33.7%.
- 8 This playwright mentioned salt 17 times in his plays.
- 9 This element contaminates the salt of the Dead Sea.
- 13 One of the greatest Christian books written in the last century on how to cultivate in your life the means of grace that will allow you to flourish as a Christian is Richard Foster's "Celebration of _____".
- 14 Homer called salt "_____".

Down

- 1 In Leonardo DaVinci's "The Last Supper", an overturned salt cellar is conspicuously placed before who?
- 4 One of Satan's chief weapons he uses against us in our postmodern generation is "_____".
- 5 One of the bloodiest battles of the Civil War was fought over _____, VA.
- 6 Special salt rations were given to Roman soldiers and were known as "solarium argentum," the forerunner of the English word "_____".
- 7 In scripture, while salt represents that which is holy, _____ represents what is unholy.
- 10 This element is the object of Jesus' discussion today.
- 11 Forty _____ tons of salt are required each year to fulfill our needs.
- 12 Plato called salt a "substance dear to the _____."

WORD SEARCH:

- Salt
- Earth
- Taste
- Thrown
- Trampled
- Preservation
- Flavor
- Healing
- Purity
- Dilution
- Dull
- Foolish
- Simplicity
- Listening

- Meditation
- Praise
- Moody

