

Home Group Discussion Guide

Salt & Fire – Mark 9:42-50

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The following questions are designed to help groups explore the message above by challenging participants to consider how God is wanting them to apply it to their lives.

*The questions are a **guide** to help lead discussion.*

Please don't feel that all questions need to be asked, instead respond to the needs of your group. If you have new people in your group, take the opportunity to introduce each other and clarify any expectations that are present in your group (such as confidentiality).

GETTING STARTED

1. How do you normally respond when you find a passage in the Bible that is confronting/ hard or challenging?
2. What was the main challenge or idea that stood out to you from the message on Sunday?

REFLECTING ON THE MESSAGE

Key Scripture: Mark 9:42-50; Matthew 5:13 Isaiah 68:7-9; 18-21; Leviticus 2:13

1. Take a moment to look back over chapter 9; what is the setting that Jesus is sharing this teaching, and to whom?

(Read Mark 9:42-48)

2. In these verses, Jesus uses 2 images; Deep water and the endless fire of Gehenna (a rubbish dump) to warn those listening. Why was Jesus highlighting these things?
3. Gavin unpacked the idea of Line thinking and circle thinking (see over page).
 - a. Which one of these resonates with how you were taught about faith?
 - b. What does it mean that Jesus desires faith in an embraced direction towards Him, not just a promised destination?

(Read Mark 9:49-50 & Isaiah 68:7-9; 18-21)

4. What does Jesus mean by encouraging us to be salt, and have salt with each other?

RESPONDING TO THE MESSAGE

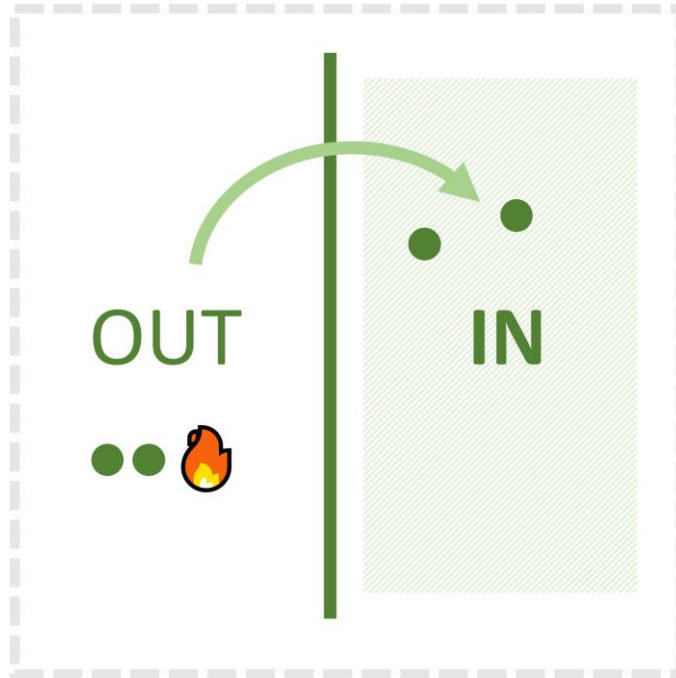
1. Is there something in your life that is shifting your direction away from Jesus?
2. What would it look like to cut that out/ reset your direction towards Jesus?
3. Is there a place where you need to offer salt in your relationship with someone?

OPPORTUNITY FOR PRAYER

Our Home Groups are the primary place for pastoral care to occur within the Church. We would encourage you to take the opportunity to pray for each other in this space.



Line Thinking



Circle Thinking

