

**Key Scriptures** 2 Corinthians 5:9-13; James 4:12; Matthew 5:13

**Start It**

1. When you eat a meal do you: a) taste your meal and then add salt; b) pour salt on before you taste it; c) I don't ever use salt on my food regardless of the taste.
2. As a child whose approval did you most covet? Why?

**Study It**

1. What should be a believer's main goal?
2. Who will judge us? Who will be judged?
3. What will be received at this judgment?
4. What is the essential characteristic of salt? How did Jesus imply that a believer's positive influence can wane or disappear?

**Apply It**

1. Take some time to think about last week, whose approval did you most seek (God's, Spouse, Parent, Friend, Child, Boss etc. – combination)? Explain your answer. How can you spend more of your next week seeking God's approval?
2. How can a Christian lose his or her saltiness?
3. On a scale of 1-5 (1 being no salt; 5 being really salty) how "salty" are you?

**Live It**

Reflecting on last weekend's message, where did you put your yellow umbrella? What reference point are you using to keep yourself from drifting?

What are you going to pour your package of salt on this week? How will you be "salt" to others this week?

**Memorize It**

**2 Corinthians 5:9 (MSG)**

*But neither exile nor homecoming is the main thing. Cheerfully pleasing God is the main thing, and that's what we aim to do, regardless of our conditions.*

**Study It More**

Read all of Matthew 5