



*This guide is a supplement to the weekly sermon. We encourage families and groups to use it. When we hear God's Word, we need to do more than listen. The Bible says, "Be doers of the word, not hearers only (James 1:22)." **Step 1: GATHER** with your family or group. **Step 2: REVIEW** and **DISCUSS** the key points and scriptures from the sermon. **Step 3: PRAY** for the prayer requests shared by your family or group.*

DISCUSSION STARTER

According to the 4th century, Greek philosopher Aristotle, "Happiness is the meaning and the purpose of life, the whole aim and end of human existence." Ask, "How is this view of the purpose of humanity similar to people who live in this century? How is it different from what the Bible says about our purpose?" Pastor defined our purpose as "to enhance and influence how people experience Jesus, by preserving the message and character of Christ in every environment in which we live." Discuss how this view brings more glory to God than the view that puts our happiness above God and others.

DIGGING DEEPER 1

Read Matthew 5:13 and Mark 9:49-50. Review what we have learned so far about being "Salty." We have looked at the value of salt and how it preserves and purifies. Ask, "How are we to have a preserving effect on our community as individuals, families, and as a church? What are we supposed to do with sin in our lives? How do we go about purging the sin in our lives?"

DIGGING DEEPER 2

Read Luke 14:34-35. As salt can lose its flavor over time, we can become less "salty" if we lose our sense of purpose as Christians. The more we live on purpose for God's purposes the more we stay "salty." In other words, we "enhance and influence how people experience Jesus." We literally display the message and character of Christ to others with our lives. Ask your family or group, "What might cause us to lose our sense of purpose as Christians? What can we do to remain focused on living on purpose?"

DIGGING DEEPER 3

Reread Luke 14:35. Pastor shared with us some facts about salt. Technically, salt cannot lose its flavor, but becomes diluted over time and thus becomes less salty. If salt becomes less salty it eventually becomes worthless and is discarded. Jesus warned that if our lives becoming diluted by the world and our own pleasures, then we will lose our ability to enhance or influence others towards Christ. **Read 1 John 2:15-17.** Ask, "What is it about the world we live in and our own desires that causes us to be less influential for Christ in the lives of others around us?" Discuss the allure of the world and how dangerous it is to get caught up in its passing pleasures.

DOING THE WORD

Read Galatians 5:16-17, 24-25. Discuss what these verses tell us about our own desires apart from Christ. Ask, "How might we go about "crucifying" the flesh?" The reason we are to crucify the flesh is so we can walk (live) in the Spirit. By setting aside our sinful way of living, we are able to focus on living on purpose for God and will become influential in the lives of others with the good news that Jesus Saves! Ask your group to consider the following questions: "Are you influencing anyone towards becoming a follower of Christ? How are you enhancing the spiritual growth of anyone around you?" Challenge your group to be "Salty" this week with those in their home, workplace, and community. Remember to sign up for "Love Crossville" on the CF Life App so we can be "salt" to our community together.