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CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION

- 1 How does real salt lose its taste? What is the answer to the question, "How shall its saltiness be restored?" Is there any use at all for salt that has lost its saltiness? How does this part of the metaphor translate into the real life of the believer?
 - What does it mean for a believer to lose his/her saltiness in the world? What hope is there for a believer who is not functioning as salt in their world?
- Write down at least 3 ways that you experience being salt in your world.
 - Also think of 3 more ways that you could be a stronger influence in the world in which you daily live out your faith.
- 3 Are you ever tempted to receive the glory for the good works that you do? Think carefully about this, because it is very easy to speak with our mouth, "All glory to God!" and sing with our heart, "All glory to me!"
 - How do these passages help you combat this sin of pride?
- 4 How do the recent changes in the religious, political, social, and moral fabrics of our society present believers with an even greater chance to let our light shine in the coming years?
 - What temptations will we (and you specifically) need to overcome in order to embrace this wonderful opportunity?
- (5) What experiences have you had in which you have let your light shine and others have given glory to God? What are some ways that you routinely put your light under a basket?
- 6 If we are living as 'salt and light', what impact should we be having in our community and church as 1) salt and 2) light?
- What things could we do to have more impact on our community and church as 1) salt and 2) light?