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Warm up question:

- You can pick three famous people to invite to dinner and ask them one question each. Who would they be and what would you ask them?

Read: Mark 9:38-50

1. If you had been invited to one of the private sessions Jesus had with the disciples, what question(s) would you ask Him?
2. All too often churches can perceive another church as an enemy or 'wrong' because they don't fit their practices or traditions. How does Mark 9:38-41 speak against this?
3. Read verse 42. What would be everyday examples of how mature Christians put 'stumbling blocks' in the way of less mature Christians?
4. Which is the source of temptation that troubles you most: your hands (things you grasp), your feet (where you go), or your eyes (what you desire)? How can you 'cut this off' from your life?
5. In verse 50, Jesus is now calling the disciples to have salt in themselves, rather than the divisive 'yeast' of the Pharisees (8:15). Make note of each time Jesus says, "it is better..." in 9:42-50. How does this illustrate the radical call to follow Jesus?
6. Why do you think Jesus uses the analogy of salt?
7. What times are easiest for you to forget who God has created you to be? What can you do in those times to remind you who God called you to be?
8. How would you summarise this passage?

Rubber hits the road

- How has this passage challenged and encouraged you to walk as a disciple of Jesus?

PRAYER

Almighty creator, ever living God. We thank and praise you for Jesus who came from heaven to earth, to show us the way back to you. Please forgive us for the sin we bring into the world and for the stumbling blocks we create to people around us hearing the gospel. Lead us in right pathways and reform us in the image of your Son, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

