

## Causing to Sin - Mark 9:42-50

*Topics:* Accountability, Believers, Example, Hell, Judgment, Kingdom of God/Heaven, Peace, Sin, Temptation

### Open It

- \* 1. What are your favorite seasonings?
- 2. What is pleasant and unpleasant about salt?
- 3. What do you believe are the marks of maturity?

### Explore It

- 4. To whom did Jesus refer when He spoke of “little ones”? (9:42)
- 5. What behavior did Jesus condemn? (9:42)
- 6. What figure of speech did Jesus use to show how serious His point was? (9:42-47)
- \* 7. What was Jesus’ attitude toward sin? (9:43-47)
- 8. What does this passage teach about the kingdom of God? (9:43-47)
- \* 9. Why did Jesus use extreme examples in this context? (9:43-48)
- 10. How did Jesus use figurative language to get His message across? (9:43-48)
- 11. How did Jesus describe hell? (9:48-49)
- 12. What did Jesus mean when He said, “Everyone will be salted with fire”? (9:49)
- \* 13. When Jesus talked about “salt,” to what exactly was He referring? (9:50)
- 14. Why is “saltiness” necessary in a Christian’s life? (9:50)
- 15. With what final instruction did Jesus conclude? (9:50)
- 16. How do Jesus’ final words relate to the rest of the passage? (9:50)

### Get It

- 17. Who are the “little ones” in our society?
- 18. What do our hands, feet, and eyes represent?
- 19. How can a person’s hand, foot, or eye cause him or her to sin?
- \* 20. How do you think a Christian can cause others to sin?
- \* 21. In what ways is causing another person to sin worse than sinning yourself?
- 22. What should be our attitude toward sin?
- 23. How do you plan to apply to your life the principles Jesus taught about avoiding sin?
- 24. What specific steps can a Christian take to avoid sin?
- 25. What could a church do as a group to apply these principles?
- 26. How can this passage motivate us to share our faith with unbelievers?
- 27. What do you need to do to add some “salt” to your witness?
- 28. What can we do to create peace among believers?

### Apply It

- \* 29. What concrete action can you take this week to avoid a sin that you have struggled with in the recent past?
- 30. What can you do this week to make your witness for Christ clearer to the unbelievers around you?