

A Study in the Gospel of Mark 8-16

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Who is on His Side?, Mark 9:42-50

42 “Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin,[a] it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. 43 And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell,[b] to the unquenchable fire.[b] 45 And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. 47 And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, 48 ‘where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.’ 49 For everyone will be salted with fire.[c] 50 Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

- a. **Mark 9:42** Greek *to stumble*; also verses **43, 45, 47**
- b. **Mark 9:43** Some manuscripts add verses **44** and **46** (which are identical with verse **48**)
- c. **Mark 9:49** Some manuscripts add *and every sacrifice will be salted with*

1. The Team

2. Where will you lead people? (Mark 9:42)

- A. You have the power to lead people into sin
- B. You have the power to show people Christ
- C. You need to see people in the image of God

3. What will you allow yourself to be? (Mark 9:43-48)

- A. You have your own struggle with sin
- B. It may require sacrifice to live with the King
- C. Love your enemies

5. Remember the oven (Mark 9:49-50)

A. Salt keeps things soft

B. Salt can be worn out

C. Keep salt in your life in order to be ready for the things of

God

D. You need Jesus