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*Serious Business  
Mark 9:38–50  
July 20, 2014*

Introduction:

I. Beware of a party spirit. Mark 9:38–42; 1 John 4:1

II. Beware of the serious consequences of sin. Mark 9:43–48

III. Be salty. Mark 9:49–50

Questions for Reflection:

- *If people will be rewarded for offering even a cup of water to God's people, how can we bless Christ and His people more and more?*
- *How can the love of God be reconciled with the reality that God will ultimately consign many to hell?*
- *What does it mean to be salt in the world?*