

Series: Mark (Jesus - the Son of God)

Sermon: Don't Mess People Up

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BIG IDEA: Don't _____ People Up, _____ People Up.

According to Christ: if I cause a believer _____, it would be better if I were thrown into the sea.

Jesus warns me with a _____ metaphor about cutting and gouging that I should be careful not to sin. How? By not putting my _____ on places that will cause sin (gouge my _____ out), by not going places that could influence me to sin (cut off foot), and not doing things would be sinful (cut off hand).

We are salt in this culture. Salt was used for _____ (_____) and _____ (_____).

Ways We Bring Stumbling and Sin into the World:

1. We _____ from doing the good they know they should do.
2. Active _____ to sin.
3. Passive _____ to sin by exercising _____ that causes them to do something they didn't think was right (1 Corinthians 10).

-I have the RIGHT to _____ but does _____ please others or cause someone to stumble?

4. Being _____ after I've sinned or exercised my rights.

Practical Application:

- I will be a servant, not a stumbling block and focus on serving others. This week I'll _____ of encouragement to someone, deliver a meal, or pray with someone _____ instead of just saying, "I'll pray for that."
- I will be salt. I will _____ when I see it, I will speak kindly of people who don't deserve it, or I'll bring joy and reminders of what God can do in difficult situations – *joy and preservation*. I can even be a "jerk friend" with lots of love, by calling someone up and getting them _____ with Jesus.
- I will make peace instead of division. I'll identify _____ where there's been tension. I'll take the first step to reconcile, like a text: "I don't want this wall in between us. Can we _____?"