



## *The SALT program*

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth" (Matthew 5:13). Only as salt is mixed with food is it able to impart its benefits. So likewise the blessings of the gospel can only be imparted to others as the church members mix with those in the community. SALT is a weekly outreach program that brings the church family together for fellowship and service.

The SALT program provides inspiration and organization for the church's evangelistic pre-work. It is an effective way of mobilizing the church in the great work of seeking and saving the lost. The program runs for eight weeks prior to the start of the evangelistic series and focuses on three main areas of outreach:

1. Bible studies
2. Visitations
3. Intercessory prayer

The SALT program takes place on a Sabbath afternoon or one evening during the week and runs for eight consecutive weeks before the start of the evangelistic seminar. Each program is between 1-1/2 to 2 hours in duration. A detailed description of each SALT meeting, as well as all necessary material, can be downloaded from The Empowered Church website at [www.empoweredchurch.org](http://www.empoweredchurch.org). There are short training segments that go along with each SALT meeting and are on the accompanying SALT DVD series.

### **Implementing the SALT program**

There are three steps involved in implementing the SALT program:

#### **1. Choose four leaders**

- Someone to lead out during the SALT meetings.
- A leader for each of the main outreach ministries:
  - Bible study ministry
  - Visitations ministry
  - Prayer ministry
- Download the SALT manual from The Empowered Church website.

## **2. Set time and place for SALT**

- Most SALT programs are held Sabbath afternoons. They consist of about 30 minutes of sharing and training and about one hour of outreach.
- SALT meetings can also be held during the week; however, most churches have found Sabbath afternoon to work best.

## **3. Promote the SALT program**

- Download a promotional bulletin insert from The Empowered Church website and distribute it to the church members two weeks before the start of the SALT program.
- Encourage maximum participation in SALT.