**MARK 9:30-50**

**LESSONS OF PREPARATION**

 A. In Mark 9:30-50 we will be studying five issues that Jesus uses to prepare His disciples for

 His departure from Him. These issues are:

 1. Jesus predicts his death and resurrection---Verses 30-32

 2. Jesus addresses an issue concerning his disciples worldly ambition---Verses 33-37

 3. Jesus reproves his disciples for being exclusive to others and their way of following God---

 Verses 38-41

 4. Jesus warns of offenses that will come---verses 42-48

 5. Jesus said that believers are to be the salt of the earth----Verses 49-50

 B. As we allow our lives to be seasoned with “fire and salt,” what are our lives to look like?

 1. First: We as Christians are to walk in the Spirit not the flesh---Galatians 5:16

* “I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.”

 2. Second: We are to walk wisely ---Ephesians 5:15

* “See then that you walk carefully, not as fools but as the wise.”

 3. Third: We are not to walk in the futility of the mind ---Ephesians 4:17

* “This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their minds.”

 4. Fourth: We are to walk in love ---Ephesians 5:2

* “And walk in love, as Christ has also loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.”

 5. Fifth: We are not to walk, sit, or stand in the counsel of the ungodly ---See Psalm 1:1-6

Note: “A” and #’s 1-5 will come at the very beginning of the message. “B” and #’s 1-5 will come at the end of the message