

Errr... should they be doing that?

Do you like being part of a group?

What do think when someone else wants to join your group?

What happens when you think someone isn't doing something correctly ?

Do you tell?

What happens if the answer is that's fine?

How do you feel?

In today's reading the disciples tell Jesus that someone is doing something that they (the disciples) think is wrong. What does Jesus say?

Jesus,' said John, one of the disciples, excitedly. 'We saw a man using your name to drive out demons. We tried to stop him, because he wasn't in our group.'

'Don't stop him, let him continue,' Jesus said, calmly. 'No one can use my name to do something good and then be against me. If someone gives you a drink because you belong to me, God sees that, and they will get their reward. But if someone should encourage others to do wrong things, they will have their punishment. It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a huge millstone around their neck.'

Jesus wanted them to understand how important it was to do the right things, not to be confused and influenced by the wrong people, and not to be tempted to do the wrong things. He gave them an example to help them. He said, 'Salt is good, but suppose it loses its salty taste – that's bad! How can it become salty again?'

Be salty yourself by making sure you do good things. Encourage other people to do good things. Make sure you are kind as individuals and live in peace together.'

Mark 9:38-50



See *Share the Word*.

Did you notice, Jesus says it's fine, they are doing good!

We all need to do as many good things as possible...what can you do today, this week?