

Sermon Notes

The Gospel of Jesus Christ

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The Holy Spirit can help us remember what we already know.
(John 14:26, Ephesians 6:17)

So, to be prepared to share with non-Christians, we should know “the gospel”, the good news about Jesus Christ.

John 3:1-18

We need a totally new life, spiritual life.

Jesus is God, who was in heaven, and came to earth as a man.

Everyone is under God’s judgment for disobedience to God - sin - and needs to look to Jesus; Him dying on a cross can make us live.

Whoever believes in Jesus, shall not perish, but will have eternal life.

Invite people to believe in, trust in, Jesus.

Philippians 2:5-7

Vs. 6, Christ existed as God.

Vs. 7, Christ was made in the likeness of humans, becoming Jesus.

Vs. 8, He obeyed the plan of God, by dying on a cross.

Vs. 9, Jesus rose from the dead, went into heaven, and is now the exalted King, and Lord.

Vs. 10 & 11, Every person who wants to call upon the Lord of the universe, should call upon Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:1-6 (read/study 15:1-57 on your own)

Vs. 1-2, You are saved by believing the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Vs. 3, Christ died for our sins.

Vs. 4, Christ was raised from the dead. There were many witnesses.

Vs. 22-23, Christ is coming again and will eternally make alive those who are “in Christ”.

Vs. 57, We share in the victory of Jesus Christ, over sin and death, through faith/trust in Him.

Challenge:

For each of the three passages we looked at today, take two days for each one, to read and think about it. Then, pick one of the passages, and every day, for a whole week, read it, study it, think about.

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Application questions for 7/9/2017 sermon

The Gospel of Jesus Christ

Was there a point discussed in the sermon that really struck you? Maybe it's something you didn't know before, or maybe you knew it but didn't see it as an important part of the gospel?

What do you think are some essential points of the gospel?

(For each of the upcoming questions about the main points of the Bible passages, try as a group to come up with the answers. Then look at page two to see if you were on track. Then answer the indented, follow-up question. Make sure to go quickly enough to make it to the end questions.)

Read John 3:1-18 as a group. What are the two main points you think it makes?

Why is that important for non-Christian to hear? How does it make Christianity stand apart from other religions?

Read Philippians 2:6-11 as a group. What two points does that passage make pretty clear?

Why is that important for non-Christian to hear? How does it make Christianity stand apart from other religions?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-6 as a group. What are the two main points you think it makes?

Why is that important for non-Christian to hear? How does it make Christianity stand apart from other religions?

What are some important parts of the gospel that were not the main points of any of the passages we studied, but they were in the passages?

(Make sure to make it to this question, and try to have everyone answer.)

How has your understanding of the gospel changed? And therefore, how do you think your presentation of the gospel needs to change?

Last week we learned that the Holy Spirit will give us how and what to speak when we are called upon by God to testify about Jesus? Why should we get prepared to share by knowing the gospel?

(Make sure to make it to this question, and try to have everyone answer.)

How do you plan to get prepared to share the gospel?

Do you have a question for the group? It might be something you don't understand that others could help with, or something you think should be covered that hasn't.

Two main points of John 3:

1. That everyone needs to be born again - be given new spiritual life - to get into the kingdom of God.
2. That one must believe/trust in Jesus, the Son of God, to have this new spiritual life, eternal life.

Paul was using the creed of Philippians 2:6-11, to make the point that Jesus lived out being a servant of others, and should be an example for us to follow (vs. 4-5).

But the words of just 6-11 seem to emphasize two points:

1. Jesus was God, who left his place in heaven to come to earth, to serve humans.
2. Jesus is now reigning as the Lord of all, whom everyone should submit to.

Main two main points of 1 Corinthians 15:

1. Jesus rose from the dead.
2. Humans who are in Christ, through faith in Him, will be raised from the dead, when Jesus comes again.

Other important points of the gospel that were not the main points of these passages, but these points were in the passages.

- God loves us, and it's why He sent Jesus.
- We are sinners, under God's Judgment, apart from trusting Jesus.
- Jesus died on a cross to forgive sins.
- We are "saved" by trusting Jesus.

One summary of the gospel of Jesus Christ

Everyone is under God's judgment for disobedience to God, which is called sin.

But God so loves us that He sent His Son.

The Son of God was in heaven, and came to earth as a human, Jesus.

Jesus was sent to provide salvation.

He provided salvation by dying on a cross.

Him dying on a cross paid the penalty for our sins.

Then He rose from the dead, and was seen by hundreds of witnesses.

When Christ comes again, all those who are "in Christ" will be made alive, resurrected to eternal life with God.

Whoever believes/trusts in Jesus Christ, shall not perish, but will have eternal life.

If you share the gospel with someone, invite the person to believe, trust in, Jesus. Jesus Christ is Savior and Lord. This is who we should "confess". This is who we should bow a knee to in submission, not just one day, but every day of our lives.