



Part 2: Getting the Gospel Right

INTRODUCTION – Getting the Gospel Wrong

Matthew 19:16-30 // Mark 10:17-31 // Luke 18:18-29; Galatians 1:6-9

EVANGELISM:

- That aspect of the church's mission which endeavours to offer people the opportunity to encounter and embrace the good news of Jesus.

DISCIPLESHIP:

- That aspect of the church's mission which helps people mature, develop, and thrive as fully devoted Christ-followers.

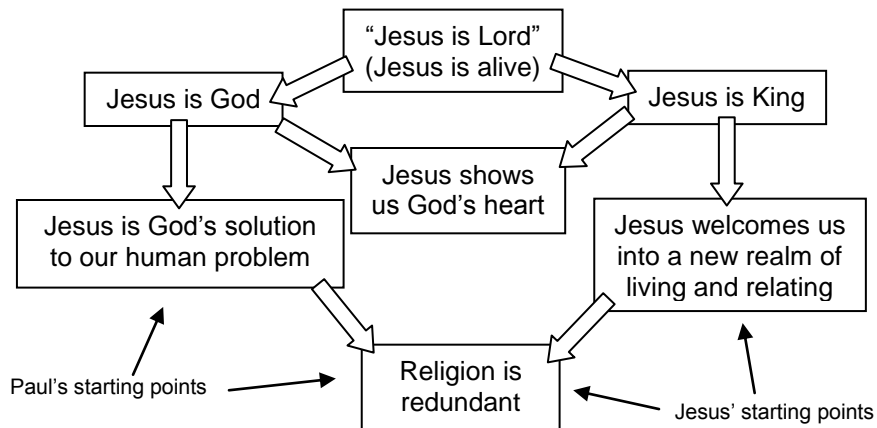
*Note: Evangelism and Discipleship are two sides to the same coin; two views to the same fully orb ed process of helping people follow Jesus (e.g., **Acts 14:21**).

DINE IN – What is the Gospel?

Mark 1:1 // Romans 10:9

The Gospel is the Good News that God is pursuing us through Christ to...

- **SHOW US** his love
Rom 5:8; Lk 15:11-32; Jn 1:18; 3:16; 14:7-9; 1 Jn 3:16; 2 Cor 5:19
- **SAVE US** from sin
Gen 1-3; Jn 1:29; Rom 6:23; 1 Cor 15:1-3; 2 Cor 5:21; Col 2:13-14; 1 Tim 1:15
- **SET UP** his kingdom
Mt 4:23; 6:10; Mk 1:15; Lk 13:18-21; 17:20-21; Jn 18:36; 1 Cor 15:20-28; Col 2:15
- **SHUT DOWN** religion
Mk 15:38; Jn 17:3; Acts 17:24-25; 20:28; Rom 10:4; 12:1; 2 Cor 5:19; 1 Tim 2:5; Heb 8:13; Jam 1:26-27; 1 Pet 2:5; Rev 21:22



TAKE OUT – Translating the Gospel

Each aspect of the gospel invites fresh expression in the idiom and accent of a culture. For instance...

- Because of Jesus, I can know that God is love, that there's an answer to my brokenness, that I can belong to something eternally significant, and that there is a better answer to this world's problems than the one religion offers.
- Jesus shows me that I am deeply valued, that my failure can be overcome, that I have a purpose and a place in this world, and that I don't have to keep trying to find God through rituals and routines because he is all around me and relating to me now.
- Because of Jesus, I can rest knowing that the universe is infinitely relational, that my soul can be renewed and I can have a fresh start in life, that I can be reborn into a loving and diverse extended family, and that priests and preachers and gurus and monks are no closer to the divine than I can be every day.

CONCLUSION – Thy Kingdom Come, Starting With Me

Matthew 6:10

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HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS

Warming Up...

1. What are some of the ways Christians might misrepresent the gospel of Jesus in our culture today?

Look to the Book...

2. Scripture rapid fire... Take turns reading each of the Scripture references listed in support of the four aspects of the Gospel (ie., Show, Save, Set Up, Shut Down). A) Pause after reading each reference to talk about what we learn about the Gospel from that passage. B) Identify your favourite passage for each of the four points and take time to try to commit them to memory (or simply paraphrase the ideas). C) Take turns explaining the gospel to each other this way, incorporating the four Scriptures you chose to help you explain the four aspects of the Good News of Jesus. (NOTE: This is the equivalent to doing scales when learning an instrument. In real conversation you wouldn't walk through a mechanical presentation like this. For now, though, it is good to get the framework built and the content inside you. As your mama told you – practice, practice, practice.)

So What?...

3. In the kingdom, we learn to love our enemies like they were our friends and we love our neighbours as ourselves. Read **Matthew 6:10**. For God's kingdom to be manifest to the world through your life, what changes would he need to help you with? Pray the prayer of **Matthew 6:10** with this in mind.

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