



The Gospel

Mar 6: Become (We Pursue & Share)

Series Summary: The commandment to share the Gospel with a world that is far from God is the most essential calling in our lives. Because this calling is of first importance, we should strive to be focused so that the lost understand what God has done for them. Relatable so that those who don't believe will realize their need for Him. Clear so that those who are far from God will put their faith in Jesus.

Big Idea: Jesus gave His life on the cross and invites us to believe in Him.

Schedule

- Worship
- Small Groups W/ Video

GET THEM TALKING

Last week, we talked about what happens the moment we believe in Jesus. When we believe in Jesus as our Savior, our sins are forgiven. But if we stop there, we have not told the full story of the good news of the Gospel. What happens after our sins have been forgiven?

Leader Note: As believers, we have a new identity as a child of God. We are new creations who follow Jesus to become more like Him and tell others about Him while we hold onto hope and promise that one day, everything will be made new and every wrong will be made right.

GROUP DISCUSSION

(We pursue)

Read Hebrews 10:19-25 together as a small group.

Vs. 19-21. These verses speak about the part of the Temple known as the Most Holy of Holies. Only the Great High Priest could enter into this part of the Temple where the presence of God resided. However, because of Jesus' sacrifice, we can now draw near to God (vs. 22). We know we have a relationship with God.

Vs. 22. What does it mean to draw near to God (pursue Him)? To put it another way, how do we go about growing in our relationship with God that Jesus's sacrifice gave us?

Vs 23-25. Based on these verses, what are we commanded to do now that we have a relationship with God?

VIDEO

Situation - Imagine if someone you know comes to you and begins to tell you about how frustrated they are with all of the problems and injustice in the world. They keep on saying, "This can not be the way that things are supposed to be."

Their Problem: At the heart of their problem is a feeling of disappointment in the world that leads to anger at all of the injustice in the world. They begin to talk about the need for drastic change, even revolution.

Gospel on-ramp: This conversation is an amazing on-ramp for the Gospel because the world is full of injustice. But two questions have to be answered in response to this feeling.

1. Why is there injustice in the world today?
2. Based on the root cause, what can be done?

Push pause and talk about how you could respond to this friend in need with more than just an I am sorry. Instead, how could you respond to their problem with the good news of the Gospel?

Why is there injustice? Because our world is broken, injustice defines our world. That is why even well-intentioned and planned political, economic, and social reforms do not ultimately solve the problem of sin.

Based on the root cause, what can be done? We, by all means, should desire a change. We should be longing for something more. But the key question is what could bring about true, lasting change. If sin and the brokenness is at the core of the problem, what, or rather who could ever provide a solution to sin? The answer is Jesus. EVERY SYSTEM OF MAN FAILS, BUT GOD'S PLAN NEVER DOES

GROUP DISCUSSION

(Plans to Share the Gospel)

Who in your life do you have a meaningful relationship with who has not believed in Jesus?

Leader Note: I can almost guarantee that students will not want to say their names out loud because it feels like gossip. It is not! If students want to keep the names to themselves, they can. But I would push them a bit on this because there is a level of conviction that often only comes once we say their names out loud and take ownership of our calling to reach them.

Leader Note: Some students may say they do not know anybody who does not know Jesus. I would push them on this by reminding them that just because someone claims to believe in God does not mean they believe in Jesus. Just because someone seems nice does not mean they have believed in Jesus for eternal life. Just because someone attends church does not mean they believe Jesus rose from the grave. I would also push them to step outside their comfort zone and friend circle to share the Gospel with those who do not know Christ.

How can you use what we have talked about to share the Gospel with them? More specifically, what could be an on-ramp or opportunity for sharing the Gospel?