



## PART 1: THE GOSPEL CHALLENGE

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### Sermon Notes

**Text: Romans 1:16-17**

Ancient world believed that when you told a great story you cast a spell on people. A good story transport you to another world.

“Gospel” = “Euangelion” (Greek), “Godspell” (Middle English). It means “good news”

The gospel is not about what *will* happen; it is about what *has* happened.

### Wherever and whenever the gospel is shared, the power of God is at work

News has power. Bad news uses the power of fear. The Gospel is the power of God.

The Gospel must be articulated, not just enacted.

“The gospel is not habit, but history. The gospel is the declaration of something that actually happened. And since the gospel is the saving work of Jesus, it isn't something we can do, but it is something we must announce. We do live out its implications, but if we are to make the gospel known, we will do so through words.” ~Ed Stetzer

Romans 10:13-15

### Salvation comes to those who believe the gospel

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The gospel, when it is proclaimed, transports salvation to your location.

### What is the gospel?

- One word: Jesus
- Three words: Jesus is Lord

**Mark 1:14-15** Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

“The gospel message is the grand news about how God’s coming kingdom has been glimpsed and opened up to a sinful world in the birth, teaching, miracles, death, and resurrection of God’s Son, the Messiah, who will one day return to overthrow evil and consummate the kingdom for eternity” ~John Dickson

### The Gospel Challenge:

- Write down the gospel in 50 words or less
- Find someone to tell it to

The gospel brings salvation both to the non-believer and the believer

### The gospel reveals a new way to live

“The righteous will live by faith.” (v. 17) - referencing the prophet Habakkuk

**Habakkuk 3:17-18** “Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Saviour.”

Salvation power is activated by faith

### Conclusion:

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## Life Group Discussion

### Warm up:

1. What's your favourite story (if could be a book, a movie, etc)? Why? Why are stories so powerful?

### Study & Discussion:

1. How would you articulate the gospel to someone who doesn't believe? Consider the following passages, which are considered gospel summaries: Romans 1:1-6; 1 Corinthians 15:3-8; 2 Timothy 2:8; John 3:16-17.
2. Read Romans 10:5-15. What does this passage say about the gospel? What does it say about righteousness? What's the different between righteousness that comes from obedience to the Law and righteousness that comes from faith?
3. The rest of the Summer Challenge sermon series will discuss some of the many ways we promote the gospel in addition to our words. What are some of those ways? How can you promote the gospel this week?

### Application:

1. Do the Gospel Challenge: Write down the gospel in 50 words or less, and find someone to tell it to. If you have time in your Life Group meeting try to write down your gospel summary and share it with the group.

### Prayer:

1. Pray for boldness to share the gospel, and for the power of God to accompany the message.
2. Other Requests
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