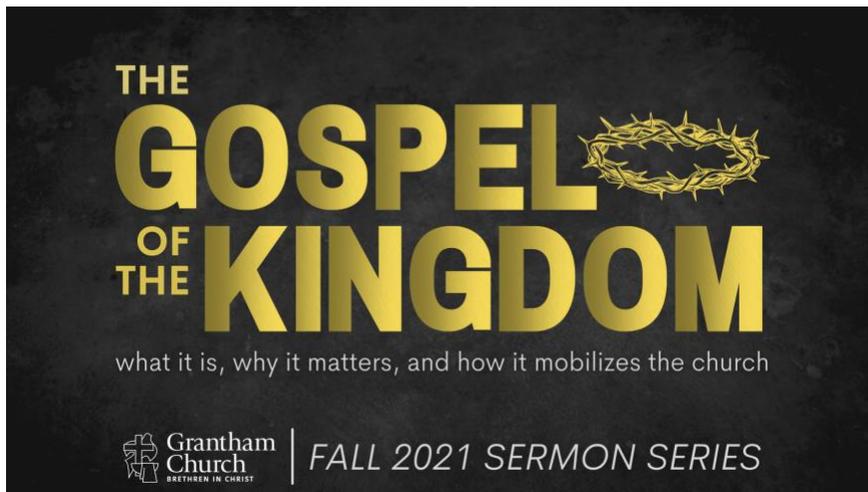


The Gospel of the Kingdom (6 of 7) Small Group Discussion Questions

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Sunday, October 17th 2021



Sermon Series Focus: The world seems to be falling apart and the darkness is visible all around us. It raises questions like, “What is God doing about it? Where are things going? How should we respond to it all?” Jesus said, “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!” But what is this *gospel* of the kingdom? And how do we partner with God as believers in his good news? Join us for our fall sermon series as we explore the redemptive story of God and what it looks like when the gospel intersects with our lives and impacts the world through the local church.

Sermon Title: Gospel to Others

Scripture Reading: Luke 9:1-6; John 14:6; Romans 10:14-15; Col 4:5-6; 1 Peter 3:15-16

Sermon Focus: It’s clear from the New Testament that disciples are called not only to embrace gospel living, but also to *share* the good news as we have opportunity. But unfortunately, for a variety of reasons, many Christians in the West have an aversion to sharing their faith and inviting people to follow Jesus. In the sixth message of our series, Pastor David helps us to reimagine and practice a form of evangelism that lovingly invites others into the gospel story.

Thank you for going deeper in conversation with your small group in person, by phone, or video call. Use the following questions to help *guide* your small group discussion:

1. Read John 1:35-51 together. Have you ever noticed how Jesus calls his first disciples to follow him? He begins with a question and then an invitation to “come and see” (v.39). Later, his disciples do the same (v.46). What do you think about this approach to

evangelism compared to more confrontational forms?

2. A 2019 Barna study showed that over 90% of millennial Christians (who are now the largest generation in the world) believed that people needed Jesus, but 50% of those believed that it was “immoral” and wrong to share our faith with others. Why do you think that is? What are the factors that have led to this? Also, why is it a mistake to believe that we should keep our faith to ourselves?
3. Based on the New Testament, we should approach evangelism in the following ways. Talk about what each of these might look like in our context:
 - We are compelled by love and genuinely care for people.
 - Meet people where they are and come alongside them.
 - We look for how God is *already* at work and join him there.
 - Develop relationships and look for an opportunity/invitation.
 - On occasion, we may be called to be bold and take a risk.
 - We always share in love and leave the results to God.
4. What might the gospel look like in conversation? Pastor David shared some helpful ways to meet people where they are and share how you are being changed by Christ and the good news. Discuss each of these together.
 1. Ask good questions.
 2. Be a good listener.
 3. Be patient and let the Spirit lead.
 4. Witness to the gospel’s power in your own life.
 5. Invite them into the gospel story.
 6. Love them to Jesus.
5. How did this message encourage or challenge you? Also, how might God be speaking to you about living out your faith in more visible ways, and about sharing the gospel with others in your sphere of influence?
6. Who in your sphere of influence needs the gospel of the kingdom? Take some time together as a group to pray for those that the Spirit brings to mind.