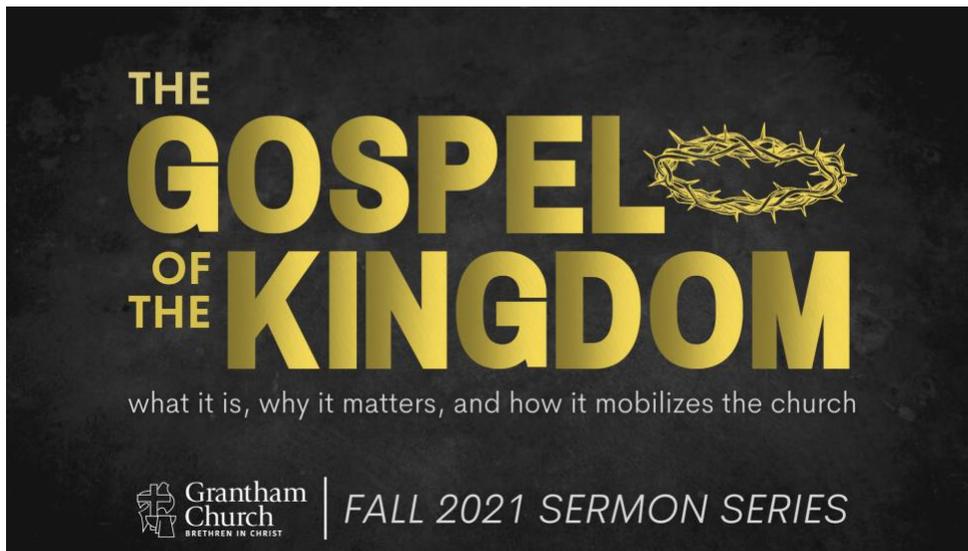


The Gospel of the Kingdom (4 of 7) Small Group Discussion Questions

Join our congregation for worship in-person or online at 10:30 am each Sunday via our [Grantham Church YouTube Channel](#). If you ever miss a message, the sermons are always posted to the [recent sermons page](#) at our website and at the [Grantham Church Podcast](#) the following day, along with the small group discussion questions under Worship Resources. Thank you for staying connected with us!

Sunday, October 3rd 2021



Sermon Series Focus: Throughout the Scriptures and church history, every spiritual awakening and renewal was founded on intense, corporate, Kingdom-centered prayer. Therefore, we must see prayer as being about more than going to God for our own spiritual and physical needs, or for the purpose of personal growth. In addition to those things, we must see prayer as our cry for more of the Kingdom! What does the Bible say about this? And what might it look like if we begin to pray this way at Grantham?

Sermon Title: Gospel in Us

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:13-16, 16:18; Galatians 5:13-25; 1 Peter 2:9-12

Sermon Focus: Jesus said, “I will build my *church* and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” The church is God’s idea. And according to the New Testament, the local church is called out to be a gospel community that embodies the good news and radiates the Spirit-filled life of the kingdom. In the fourth message of our 7-week series, Pastor David shares how it’s through our life together as disciples that we are transformed and then witness to the power of the gospel.

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 Matthew 5:1-16 and Matthew 16:18. Pastor David said that we confront the powers of hell and drive it out when we embody the gospel and act like the good news

people Jesus calls us to be in the Sermon on the Mount. What do you think is keeping the Church in America from being faithful to this calling?

2. What does it look like when the church is embodying the good news and living into the gospel story? Lesslie Newbigin (*The Gospel in a Pluralist Society*) says that a local congregation should be...
 1. a community of praise and worship.
 2. a community of grace and truth.
 3. a community that does not live for itself, but for our neighbors.
 4. a community where all are prepared to be priests in the world.
 5. a community that advocates for a new social order.
 6. a community of hope in a world of cynicism, nihilism, and despair.

Discuss each of these with your group. What might each of these descriptors look like? And why are they so important for us to embody in our world today?

3. Talk about the following image based on Galatians 5:13-25. How does our congregation reflect the fruit of the Spirit? What areas might we need to grow and what would that look like? Be honest and give specific examples.



4. What did you find most challenging about this sermon? What was the most encouraging about it? How is God speaking to you through this series?