

# GOSPEL

## WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?:

- The announcement to the world that Jesus is KING and His Kingdom is available
- Christ = Anointed one. Messiah (not a last name)
- The King was born, lived, died for the sins of the people and rose from the dead

## SCRIPTURE READING:

- Romans 1:1-4
- Romans 1:16
- 1 Corinthians 15:3-5
- Mark 1:14-20
- Acts 8:4-5/ 8:12/ 8:35/ 10:36/ 11:20/ 13:32/ 14:15/ 14:21

## BENEFITS OF THE GOSPEL:

- **The benefits of the gospel** are oftentimes what most people are taught as the gospel
- **Ephesians 1:** Adoption, purpose, acceptance
- **Acts 2:** Forgiveness of Sin & Holy Spirit
- **John 3:3-8:** Entrance into HIS Kingdom
- **Luke 4:18/Galatians 5:1-** Freedom from sin, bondage
- **Romans 6:** NEW LIFE....

## EXPECTATIONS OF THE GOSPEL: *(Not to get God to love us, instead BECAUSE HE LOVES US)*

- **Mark 1:17-** FOLLOW ME and I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN
  - The expectation is we would follow Him as His apprentice understanding that He is teaching us and transforming us to do what He does
  - What does following Jesus look like?
    - **Mark 8:34-38**
      - Deny Self (continually)
      - Take up cross (continually)
    - **Matthew 28:18-20**
      - All Authority (KING!!) therefore:
      - Go make disciples...(HOW?)
      - Baptize them INTO THE NAME OF JESUS (Transfer ownership)
      - Teach them to obey everything I have commanded

## GOSPEL PRINCIPLES

- We aren't trying to do good things to get God to like us (He already loves us completely)
- We aren't trying to do good things to get things from Him

# DISCIPLESHIP

## **WHAT IS A DISCIPLE OF JESUS?**

- Someone who has decided to die to self and live to follow Jesus
- Someone being changed and re-aligned by Jesus (moving on to maturity)
- Someone who is on a mission to make other disciples
- See Matthew 4:19

## **WHAT IS DISCIPLESHIP?**

- Apprenticeship to Jesus: The practical day to day learning, living and transformation as a student of Jesus
- Philippians 2:1-11 Becoming a servant to all

## **• JESUS' TEACHING METHODS ARE SIMPLE**

- Feed on the word of God
  - John 1:1-5
  - John 1:14
  - John 6:35-51
- Obey the word of God
  - 1 John 5:1-5
  - James 1:22-25
  - Do you read the bible with obedience in mind?
- Practice what He practiced
  - Prayer
  - Service
  - Silence/Solitude

## **• THE PRINCIPLE OF WALKING IN THE LIGHT IS CRUCIAL**

- 1 John 1:5-10
- James 5:13-20

## **• DISCIPLESHIP IS INTENDED FOR COMMUNITY NOT ISOLATION**

- Acts 2:42-47
- 1 Corinthians 12:12-26
- THE BEAUTY OF JESUS ' CALLING is that it is meant to be lived out where we live, where we work and where we play

## **• IT REQUIRES REFLECTION, COURAGE AND INTENTION**

- Are you prepared to be honest about yourself?
- Are you eager to be re-aligned towards Jesus? (His ways & character)
- Are you prepared to make a daily commitment to be an apprentice of Jesus?

# COMMUNITY

## Community of faith...how about the Local Church?

- Local community of people who have decided to follow Jesus
- Acts 2:42-47
- 1 Corinthians 12:12-31
- Romans 12:1-21

## Not just head knowledge or things we agree on...This is about life together

- Rejecting consumeristic Christianity by
- Living together as missionaries
- Intentionally participating in group gatherings
- Striving to know others and to be known by others

### **Accountability question:**

if I were to stop meeting with the church would anyone notice a difference?

## Principles of Community

- Ownership
- Humility
- Hospitality

## Church Community excels in the one another way

- "...Love one another..." (John 13:34)
- "Be devoted to one another in brotherly love..." (Romans 12:10)
- "...Honor one another above yourselves. (Romans 12:10)
- "Live in harmony with one another..." (Romans 12:16)
- "...Stop passing judgment on one another." (Romans 14:13)
- "Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you..." (Romans 15:7)
- "...Instruct one another." (Romans 15:14)
- "...Have equal concern for each other." (1 Corinthians 12:25)
- "...Serve one another in love." (Galatians 5:13)
- "Carry each other's burdens..." (Galatians 6:2)
- "...Be patient, bearing with one another in love." (Ephesians 4:2)
- "Be kind and compassionate to one another..." (Ephesians 4:32) 196.
- "Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ." (Ephesians 5:21)
- "Do not lie to each other..." (Colossians 3:9)
- "...Forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another." (Colossians 3:13)
- "...Admonish one another (Colossians 3:16)
- "...Encourage each other..." 1 Thessalonians 5:11)
- "...Spur one another on toward love and good deeds." (Hebrews 10:24)
- "Don't grumble against each other..." (James 5:9)
- "Confess your sins to each other..." (James 5:16)
- "...Pray for each other." (James 5:16)
- "Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling." (1 Peter 4:9)
- "...Clothe yourselves with humility toward one another..." (1 Peter 5:5)

# DISCIPLE MAKING

## DISCIPLE MAKERS...

### • Teach Jesus is King

- Matthew 28:18-20
- Matthew 7:21- We must want the will of god to be done, not just doing spiritual things
- Matthew 4:17-20
  - Must repent of self-lordship
  - Follow Jesus
  - Be transformed by Jesus
  - Help others become his disciples

### • Baptize in the name of Jesus

- Acts 2:36-40
- Romans 6:1-11
- John 3:3-8 (Born Again)

### • Walk with people teaching them to obey everything Jesus commanded

- One another well: Colossians 3:16

## PRINCIPLES OF DISCIPLE MAKING

### • Specific humble prayer

- *Father, allow us to join you in the work you are already doing*
- *Father, lead me to people of peace (Luke 10:1-12)*
- Must be able to proclaim the gospel in plain language
  - If being a disciple isn't good news to you, it won't be for anyone else
- **Must get to know people's starting point. (Acts 8:35)**
  - Someone striving to follow Jesus (Apollos)
  - Someone who doesn't profess Christianity at all
  - Someone who is familiar with Christianity but not living it out.

## THE PRACTICE OF HOSPITALITY

- This includes opening your home to others
- This includes inviting friends, family, neighbors to any and all CFC activities
  - We always have room for another chair at the table
- This includes being warm and welcoming to any and all people joining us
- Must love God and people! (1 Corinthians 13:1-3)
- Walk with them.
  - CONSISTENCY is crucial. Set aside time each week to study the Bible
  - PRAY TOGETHER
  - MODEL life. (Know and be known)

