

# GOSPEL

- **BE ALERT:** over time the Gospel has been changed in small ways here and there
  - We have accepted a non discipleship gospel
  - What does this mean? A gospel of **forgiveness primarily** and **following Jesus optionally**
    - The non-discipleship gospel today includes the beliefs:
      - God exists
      - He wants people to be good and nice
      - The goal of life is to be happy and at peace with ourselves
      - God doesn't need to be involved in our life unless we have a need
      - When we die we go to heaven

## SCRIPTURE READING:

- Romans 1:1-4
- 1 Corinthians 15:3-5
- 2 Timothy 2:8

## GOSPEL:

- Jesus has become KING
- Christ = King (not a last name)
- The King was born, lived, died for the sins of the people and rose from the dead

## BENEFITS OF THE GOSPEL:

- The benefits of the gospel (Make certain we aren't turning the benefits into the heart of the gospel)
  - Ephesians 1: Adoption, purpose, acceptance
  - Acts 2: Forgiveness of Sin & Holy Spirit
  - Luke 4:18/Galatians 5:1- Freedom from sin, bondage
  - Romans 6: NEW LIFE...

## THE GOSPEL FREES US FROM A PERFORMANCE BASED RELIGION

Christianity generally is practiced in a couple of different ways.

Both of these fool us into a lifeless, burdened style of religion that is simply one big chore:

• *God doesn't really like me or approve of me. I must do good things to get close to Him*

OR

• *I need God to make my life good and easy. If I say certain things and do certain things he will give me good things.*

The gospel says that just doing good things isn't what makes him like you, in fact he loved you and me when we were in complete rebellion to him.

How would this fact change the way we follow Jesus?

## 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**
- 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

# DISCIPLESHIP

## WHAT IS A DISCIPLE OF JESUS?

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

## WHAT IS DISCIPLESHIP?

- The practical day to day learning, living and transformation as a student of Jesus
- See Matthew 4:19

### 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?
- **DISCIPLESHIP IS INTENDED FOR COMMUNITY NOT ISOLATION**
  - Acts 2:42-47
  - 1 Corinthians 12:12-26
- **DID THE EARLY CHRISTIANS BELIEVE THIS?**
  - 2 Timothy 3:16-17
  - Hebrews 4:12-13
- **If we are not feasting on His word we have virtually no chance to obey Him**
- **THE BEAUTY OF JESUS ' CALLING is that it is meant to be lived out where we live, where we work and where we play**
- **IF YOU HAVEN'T YET begin building some healthy spiritual habits**
  - Daily Bible Study
  - Daily Prayer
  - Daily interaction with others from the CFC

# 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 HEAD KNOWLEDGE OR INFORMATION WE AGREE ON THIS IS ABOUT LIFE

- Rejecting consumeristic Christianity by
    - Contributing to my small group
    - 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?

## THE LOCAL CHURCH MUST EXCEL IN THE ONE ANOTHER WAY

1. "...Love one another..." (John 13:34)
2. "Be devoted to one another in brotherly love..." (Romans 12:10)
3. "...Honor one another above yourselves. (Romans 12:10)
4. "Live in harmony with one another..." (Romans 12:16)
5. "...Love one another..." (Romans 13:8)
6. "...Stop passing judgment on one another." (Romans 14:13)
7. "Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you..." (Romans 15:7)
8. "...Instruct one another." (Romans 15:14)
9. "...Have equal concern for each other." (1 Corinthians 12:25)
10. "...Serve one another in love." (Galatians 5:13)
11. "Carry each other's burdens..." (Galatians 6:2)
12. "...Be patient, bearing with one another in love." (Ephesians 4:2)
13. "Be kind and compassionate to one another..." (Ephesians 4:32)196.
14. "Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ." (Ephesians 5:21) 15. "Do not lie to each other..." (Colossians 3:9)
16. "Bear with each other..." (Colossians 3:13)
17. "...Forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another." (Colossians 3:13)
18. "Teach...[one another]" (Colossians 3:16)
19. "...Admonish one another (Colossians 3:16)
20. "...Encourage each other..." 1 Thessalonians 5:11)
21. "...Build each other up..." (1 Thessalonians 5:11)
22. "...Spur one another on toward love and good deeds." (Hebrews 10:24)
23. "...Do not slander one another." (James 4:11)
24. "Don't grumble against each other..." (James 5:9)
25. "Confess your sins to each other..." (James 5:16)
26. "...Pray for each other." (James 5:16)
27. "Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling." (1 Peter 4:9)
28. "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others..." (1 Peter 4:10)
29. "...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
- Walk with people teaching them to obey everything Jesus commanded
  - One another well o 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)