



We must determine if we're centered on the gospel or something else. Our goal is to stand completely on the gospel. Everything we do must be centered on the gospel because that will guide how we do ministry. If we lose our gospel focus it will lead to us losing the central focus and mission of the church. If we want to stay the course, we must stay centered on Jesus!

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Psalm 148:1-2

Songs of Praise

Speak, O Lord Reckless Love

Confession of Faith

New City Catechism #39

Q. With what attitude should we pray?

A. With love, perseverance, and gratefulness; in humble submission to God's will, knowing that, for the sake of Christ, he always hears our prayers.

Offering

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Song of Declaration

The Power of the Cross

Confession of Sin

Leader: Blessed Jesus, you offered us all your blessings when you announced. "Blessed are

the poor in spirit"

People: but we have been rich in pride.

Leader: Blessed are those who mourn

People: but we have not known much sorrow for our sin.

Leader: Blessed are the meek

People: but we are a stiff-necked people.

Leader: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness

People: but we are filled to the full with other things.

Leader: Blessed are the merciful.

People: but we are harsh and impatient.

Leader: Blessed are the pure in heart

People: but we have impure hearts.

Leader: Blessed are the peacemakers

People: but we have not sought reconciliation.

Leader: Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness

People: but our lives do not challenge the world.

Leader: Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of

evil against you because of me

People: but we have hardly made it known that we are yours.

Leader: Your Law is holy and your benedictions are perfect, but they are both too great for us. You alone are blessed.

People: We plead with you to forgive our sins and give us the blessing of your righteousness.

Reference -Matthew 5:3-11

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 55:6-9

Children's Message

Sermon - Gospel Centered Community

Sermon Scripture - Romans 1:16-17

Defined

- What is the gospel?
 - The gospel is the good news that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died for our sins and rose again, eternally triumphant over his enemies, so that there is now no condemnation for those who believe, but only everlasting joy. John Piper
- What is the bad news? How does it help us understand the gospel?
 - Ephesians 2:1
 - Romans 3:23
- How is the gospel more about the who than the what?
 - ...the motto of all true servants must be, we preach Christ and him crucified. A sermon without Christ in
 it is like a loaf of bread without flour in it. No Christ in your sermon sir? Then go home and never preach
 again until you have something worth preaching. Charles Spurgeon

Recipients

- How did the Jews misconstrue the gospel? How do we do the same?
- What is the power of the gospel?
 - John 3:16
- Who receives the gospel?

 Ephesians 1
<u>Foundation</u>
What do we learn in Galatians 1:11-12?
How can we tell that our core values are gospel centered?
 What is the key to remaining focused as a church? the greatest weakness in the church today is that the servants of God keep looking over their shoulder for the approval of men R.C. Sproul
Communion
Song of Response
Doxology Benediction

1. What do you believe are the essential values of a church?

6. What is the greatest weakness of the church today?

3. Read Ephesians 2:1-10. What do we learn about ourselves and God in this passage?

4. Why do we often add to the message of the gospel (salvation by grace alone)?

5. How do we respond to people that state the gospel is not relevant today?

2. How would you define the gospel?