



THE GOSPEL: GOD.

“THE LORD, THE LORD, A GOD MERCIFUL AND GRACIOUS, SLOW TO ANGER, AND ABOUNDING IN STEADFAST LOVE AND FAITHFULNESS, KEEPING STEADFAST LOVE FOR THOUSANDS, FORGIVING INIQUITY AND TRANSGRESSION AND SIN, BUT WHO WILL BY NO MEANS CLEAR THE GUILTY...”

EXODUS 34:6-7

IGNITE exists to glorify God by making disciples who represent the gospel to every college student.

Gospel = Good News.

GOSPEL STATEMENT

The one and only God, our Righteous King, created us in His image and for His glory, to love, know, and represent Him. We made a choice, however, to violate God’s righteousness with our sin and thus we are unable to love, know, and represent Him on our own. Our sin and lack of righteousness deserves a punishment, the anger and judgment of God. But because we cannot bear this punishment on our own, and because of His great love for us, God sent His Son, Jesus, who was both fully human and fully God, to live a perfectly righteous life and to die on a cross that He might save us from the punishment that our sin deserves. After three days, Jesus was raised from the dead, showing that God the Father had accepted the sacrifice of the Son, Jesus, on behalf of His people. And now, God calls us to trust in Jesus—to have faith in the sufficiency of His work on the cross and to repent, changing our minds about the sufficiency of our old way of living. In trusting Jesus to save us, we are reconciled to God. This means that we are forgiven of our sin, credited with Christ’s righteousness, adopted in as sons and daughters, and given new and eternal life. In being reconciled to God, we now have relationship with Him. This relationship means that we have received the presence of God’s Spirit in our lives, thus producing the fruit of the gospel and enabling us to live as kingdom citizens who love, know, and represent God as we were created to do.

THE GOSPEL: God. Humanity. Jesus. Response.

COMMONLY-ASKED WRONG QUESTIONS

- Who do I say god is?
- Who is god to me?
- Who do I want god to be?

“I like to think of Jesus in a tuxedo t-shirt, cause it says ‘I wanna be formal, but I’m here to party too,’ cause I like to party, so I like my Jesus to party.” – Cal Naughton, Jr.

“An imagined god will always be more or less imaginary and unreal.” – JI Packer

ASKING THE RIGHT QUESTION

- Who does God say God is? (Ex. 3:13-15)
1. “I AM who I AM.” (I AM = “I cause to be.”)

Self-existing creator and sustainer of all things.

Active and personal

Faithful and unchanging

TAKING A CLOSER LOOK: WHO DOES GOD SAY HE IS? (Ex. 34:5-8)

- Yahweh, the God of the Bible, says he is...
 - a. Loving, gracious, merciful, and quick to forgive (vv. 6-7)
 - b. Just, punishing the guilty (v. 7)

WHO AM I IN LIGHT OF THE GOD OF THE BIBLE?

1. I am small.
2. I am guilty.
3. I am needy.
4. I will follow.