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Our mission is to help people **Come** to know Jesus as Savior, **Grow** in a relationship with Him, and **Live** their lives for Him. God loves you and we pray that during the worship service you will be able to connect with Him through song, scripture, and the message.

### Sunday, October 12, 2025

Sermon Series: Tell Someone: Living the Good News

Sermon Title: The Heart of the Gospel
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:1-4
Speaker: Pastor Kendall Harger

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# Sermon Notes October 12, 2025

# The Heart of the Gospel

Big Idea

Before we share the gospel, we need to be clear about what it is.

1	Cor	inth	ians	15:1-4

Bad News is that we have all broken God's commandments and we fall short of His standards. The Bible says, "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

"missing the mark" and "crossing the line"

"Have you ever stolen anything? Have you ever taken God's name in vain? Have you ever told a lie?" Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said.

How did Jesus die?
The Roman government executed Him by one of the most cruel and excruciating forms of capital punishment ever devised: crucifixion.

He was buried:

We don't often think of the burial of Jesus as part of the gospel, but it is.

Romans 1:16 – "For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes – the Jew first and also the Gentile."

#### Sermon Questions

#### Icebreaker (pick one):

- -If someone randomly asked you about your faith while you were doing something totally ordinary—like ordering coffee or walking your dog—how do you wish you'd respond?
- -If you could invite any Bible character to help you share the gospel today, who would you pick—and what would their modern "strategy" be?
- 1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
- 2. Romans 1:16 says, "For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes..." Have you ever been "ashamed of the gospel?" If so, why?
- 3. In your own words, what is the bad news? Why is it critical for someone to understand the bad news?
- 4. Are you most likely to focus on the bad news or good news when talking to nonbelievers? Why?
- 5. Pastor Kendall used "missing the mark" and "crossing the line" to define sin. How would you explain sin to someone? (Romans 3:19, James 2:10, 1 John 1:8)
- 6. How can your story help show that "all have sinned?" (Rom.3:23)
- 7. Read the following verses containing gospel truths: John 10:10, Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23, Romans 5:8, 1 Corinthians 15:3–4, John 14:6, and John 3:16. In your own words, write a concise gospel presentation.
- 8. How is sharing the gospel a loving thing to do rather than hurtful or judgmental? (John 3:16-18)

<u>Digging Deeper Exercise</u>: The gospel can get "lost in translation" if you're speaking "christianese."

- -Take a piece of paper and make two columns. Name one column "Christianese" and write down some biblical phrases a nonbeliever may not understand. Name the other column "Everyday Language" and write out a way you could explain that same idea in everyday language.
- -Look back at your summary of the gospel (Q.7) to see if you used any "christianese" that would need to be clarified for a nonbeliever.