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Redefining Success (#2 of 8) - May 1, 2016

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 - How has the Gospel been a **Blessing** to you this week?
 - What are you hearing from God as you **Listen** to the Spirit & read God's Word, the Bible?
 - Who have you had an opportunity to **Eat** with this week to build relationship?
 - Who has God led you to **Serve** this week?
 - In what ways have you been able to **Share** about Jesus this week?
2. What did you find significant about the message? Was there anything in the message that spoke to you personally?
3. Restate in your own words what the "Gospel" is and how it changes things?
4. If you were to paint a picture of success for your life what would it look like? How is your view of success tied to your performance?
5. Read 1 Thess. 2:1-6. How does Paul deal with criticism and difficulty and how does the Gospel shape his response?
6. How would your life be different if you sought to please God and not people as a first priority?
7. Look at the definition of an "idol". Do you see anything in your life that is, or could become an idol for you? Read Phil. 3:7-8. What aspects of the Gospel do you need to embrace to replace this idol. What action steps do you need to take today?
8. Read Romans 5:8. How does the performance of Jesus impact you? How does this reality help you towards greater freedom and fruitfulness? What has God been saying to you and how do you need to respond today?



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SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

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With Ryan Dawson, Lead Pastor
May 1, 2016



What is the Gospel? "The Gospel is the good news that in and through Christ's life, death, and resurrection, God makes all things new."

Tullian Tchividjian

What are the typical ways we define success?

So often our view of success is tied to our performance.

What would our lives look like if we embraced God's view of success and lived from a place where our identity in Christ & the truths of the Gospel defined us?

1 Thess. 2:1-6 You yourselves know, dear brothers and sisters, that our visit to you was not a failure. ²You know how badly we had been treated at Philippi just before we came to you and how much we suffered there. Yet our God gave us the courage to declare his Good News to you boldly, in spite of great opposition. ³So you can see we were not preaching with any deceit or impure motives or trickery. ⁴For we speak as messengers approved by God to be entrusted with the Good News. Our purpose is to please God, not people. He alone examines the motives of our hearts. ⁵Never once did we try to win you with flattery, as you well know. And God is our witness that we were not pretending to be your friends just to get your money! ⁶As for human praise, we have never sought it from you or anyone else.

Phil. 3:5-6.

Big Idea: True success is embracing and living out the Gospel, which is based on Jesus' performance.

Romans 5:8.

An idol is anything more fundamental than God to your happiness, meaning in life, & identity.

- To identify and replace idols we ask "What's the sin under the sin?"
- Once we expose idols we replace them with the truth of the Gospel.

"The only way to dispossess [the heart] of an old affection is by the expulsive power of a new one....When admitted into the number of God's children through the faith in Jesus Christ the spirit of adoption is poured out upon us. It is then that the heart, brought under the mastery of one great and predominate affection, is delivered from the tyranny of its former desires, in the only way that deliverance is possible." Thomas Chalmers

Phil 3: 7-8 I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done. ⁸Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ.

The Translation of the Bible Scriptures used in today's 10:10 service are from the New Living Translation(NLT).