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Good News People, April 24, 2016

1. Take some time to share about how God has been working in and through you this past week using the B.L.E.S.S. habits questions.
 - 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. Read 1 Thess. 1:1-3. How does Paul describe these believers? Why is this significant?
4. Why are faith, hope, and love such important Christian virtues?
5. Read 1 Thess. 1:4-7. How does love form the "heart" of the Gospel message?
6. Read 1 Thess. 1:8-10. What type of impact did these believers have on their surrounding regions? Why was this the case? How does this challenge and inspire you?
7. 1 Thess. 1:9 indicates that these believers "turned away from idols to serve the living God." Idols are anything which controls us other than Jesus, or the things we go to other than Jesus for life and fulfillment. What "idols" do you see in your life that you need to turn from to embrace Jesus as Lord?
8. What would it look like for Jesus to be Lord in every area of you life? Commit to an action step in each area to move in this direction.
 - Family/ Relationships:
 - Work/School:
 - Recreation:
 - Money:
 - Sexuality:



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SEQUOIA NOTES

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

Good News People

With Ryan Dawson, Lead Pastor
April 24, 2016



Acts 17:6-7...Not finding them there, they dragged out Jason and some of the other believers instead and took them before the city council. "Paul and Silas have caused trouble all over the world," they shouted, "and now they are here disturbing our city, too. 7 And Jason has welcomed them into his home. They are all guilty of treason against Caesar, for they profess allegiance to another king, named Jesus."

The Gospel in 20 words: "The Gospel is the good news that in and through Christ's life, death, and resurrection, God makes all things new."

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The Gospel in 3 words: "Jesus is Lord!"

Big Idea: When we embrace the Good News that Jesus is Lord, it changes us & our world for the better.

1 Thessalonians 1:1-3

- The effect of the Gospel:
 - Faithful work.
 - Loving deeds.
 - Enduring hope.

1 Thessalonians 1:4-6

- The effect of the Gospel flows from believing in the essence of the Gospel = Love.

The Gospel in 100 words: *The 'gospel' is the good news that through Christ the power of God's kingdom has entered history to renew the whole world. When we believe and rely on Jesus' work and record (rather than ours) for our relationship to God, that kingdom power comes upon us and begins to work through us....Through the person and work of Jesus Christ, God fully accomplishes salvation for us, rescuing us from judgment for sin into fellowship with him, and then restores the creation in which we can enjoy our new life together with him forever." Tim Keller*

1 Thessalonians 1:7-10

- We embrace the Gospel by submitting to Jesus as Lord.

"The news of your faith in God is out. We don't even have to say anything anymore - you're the message!"

1 Thessalonians 1:8 MSG

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