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Saved Souls or Saved Wholes? April 17, 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?
 - What would it look like if we treated each other and our neighbours as family? Think about BLESS through the lens of "family."
- 2. What did you find most helpful, challenging, or encouraging from the message this week?
- 3. Discuss the differences between the "saved souls" and the "saved wholes" gospels. What aspects of the "saved wholes" gospel to you struggle to believe? What aspects resonate with you?
- 4. Summarize together the six "chapters" of the Biblical story, and how the "saved wholes" gospel makes sense in the story. How does this story make you feel? Are any parts unclear to you?
- 5. Read the following passages: Mark 1:14-15, Matthew 4:23, Matthew 9:35, Luke 8:1, Luke 9:1-2, Acts 1:3. What was the emphasis of Jesus' message as he travelled around and sent out his disciples? When you think about telling others about Jesus, do you tend to think of it in terms of sharing advice, or sharing news?
- 6. How might viewing your entire life through the lens of "Jesus is Lord" affect your life in the coming weeks? (E.g. Viewing Jesus as Lord of your finances, your relationships, your work, your body, your neighborhood, etc.)



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SEQUOIA NOTES

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

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With Aaron Richert Multiply Team Leader April 17, 2016



Matthew 6:9-10 (NIV)
This, then, is how you should pray:
"'Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven."

The Gospel of Jesus is not simply good **ADVICE**, but rather good **NEWS**.

Mark 1:15

"The time promised by God has come at last!" he announced. "The Kingdom of God is near! Repent of your sins and believe the Good News!"

The Biblical Story:

- © CREATION: (Genesis 1-2)
- REBELLION: (Genesis 3)
- PREDEMPTIVE COVENANT COMMUNITY: (Genesis 4-Malachi 4)
- JESUS: (Matthew-John)
- CHURCH: (Acts-Revelation)
- RE-CREATION: (Revelation 21-22)

Colossians 1:19-20

"For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ, and through him *God reconciled everything to himself.* He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross."

The Saved Wholes Gospel:

Jesus is LORD.

His Kingdom is **WHENEVER** and **WHEREVER** God's will is done here on earth as it is in heaven.

The implication: real and lasting change is **POSSIBLE** in this world.

Big Idea: Through Jesus, God wants to put $\underline{\text{US}}$ right in order to put the $\underline{\text{WORLD}}$ right.

Matthew 6:33

"Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need."