The Simplicity and Power of the Gospel

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Sermon Outline

1. Creation
2. The Fall
3. Redemption
4. Restoration / New Creation

Leader's Note

Choose the questions that best fit your group and the time available. You do not need to discuss every question. However, we strongly recommend covering at least one question from each section: Upwards, Inwards, and Outwards.

Main Idea

The gospel is the good news of what God has done through Jesus Christ to rescue us from sin and restore all things. John 3:16 reveals the heart of this good news: God loves the world, gave His Son to save us, and offers eternal life to everyone who believes in Him.

Optional Icebreaker

What is one simple way someone has shown you kindness or care recently?

Discussion Questions

UPWARDS - Growing in Relationship with God

1. What does John 3:16 teach us about God's love for the world He created, including each of us?
2. John 3:16 shows that we need to be saved, and Romans 3:23 reminds us that everyone has sinned. How does recognizing our need for forgiveness help us understand the importance of Jesus coming into the world?
3. God gave His Son so that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life. How can this gift of salvation, which we cannot earn, change the way we trust God and live in relationship with Him?

INWARDS - Growing in Fellowship with One Another

4. John 3:16 reminds us that God's love reaches the whole world. How should this truth shape the way we welcome and value people from different cultures, ages, and backgrounds in our church?
5. Through Jesus, we receive God's grace and become part of His family (Ephesians 2:19). How can remembering the grace we have received help us show patience, forgiveness, and love to one another?
6. Jesus is making us new and bringing us together as His people. What is one practical way our small group can reflect this new life through care, encouragement, or service?

OUTWARDS - Reaching Those Around Us

7. John 3:16 reveals God's love for the world, and John 3:17 shows that Jesus came to save rather than condemn. How can this shape the way we relate to people who do not yet know Jesus?
8. The gospel tells one connected story: Creation, Fall, Redemption, and Restoration. How could these four movements help you share the hope of Jesus in a simple and natural conversation with a friend or neighbour?