



Week 3- "Gospel Centered?"

It seems that everywhere you look in our nation and culture you bump into many different opinions and stances, and it seems as if fighting for something is front and center of our lives. In this week's message we introduce you to the three filters or questions that we run everything we do as a church through. We have discovered that these questions help us make sure that what we are fighting for points back to our mission to be a safe community where anyone can discover, develop, and deepen a relationship with Jesus.

1. What do you think it means to be gospel centered?
2. Why do you think it is important to have a true understanding of what the Gospel is?

Read Colossians 1:3-6, 19-23

Paul was emphasizing a true understanding of the gospel: *that Jesus died on the cross and was buried. Jesus rose from the dead and was seen. That we are more sinful than we ever dared believe. More loved than we ever dared hope, and in Christ more whole than we ever dared imagine.*

3. Discuss the idea that the gospel calls us to acknowledge our broken human nature and our need for a Savior. Why do you think this is important?
4. In what ways do you try to fix your broken human nature, and mess on your own?
5. In what ways does trying to fix it yourself not work?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-5

6. In the message Justin talked about moralism and liberalism as a form of the gospel people use to try and fix their broken human nature. Which one do you find yourself leaning toward?

7. Why does moralism and liberalism ultimately not work when it comes to trying to fix ourselves?

8. How can you use your tendency to fix things yourself as a trigger to remember to trust Jesus and not yourself?

9. How can this group help you discover a deeper understanding of the Gospel and surrender to Jesus for the change you desire?

Our hope is that as a Church, that in everything we do to point to the Gospel and not to ourselves. This is one of the filters we use in order to be a safe community for anyone to discover, develop, and deepen their relationship with Jesus. This isn't just for our church, we hope you can ask yourself: Am I Gospel Centered? Am I trusting what Jesus did on the cross, and acknowledging my need for a Savior? Or am I leaning into moralism or following my heart in order to try and save myself? Taking the time to search your heart can allow you to identify what Gospel you are putting your trust in, and lean into Jesus instead of yourself.