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WHAT IS PATHWAY?

Our mission as a church is *to make and send disciples who love and live like Jesus*. We do this by placing intentional disciple-makers into relational spaces. As we were looking at how we equip disciples within our body, we noticed a gap. We knew we needed to build an intentional equipping strategy to give tools and resources to our church.

Introducing Pathway! We have built out a three-year equipping process that will be interactive and engaging regardless of where you are in your spiritual walk. We will gather three times each year for three weeks and practice together as we learn and add tools to our disciple-making tool belt.

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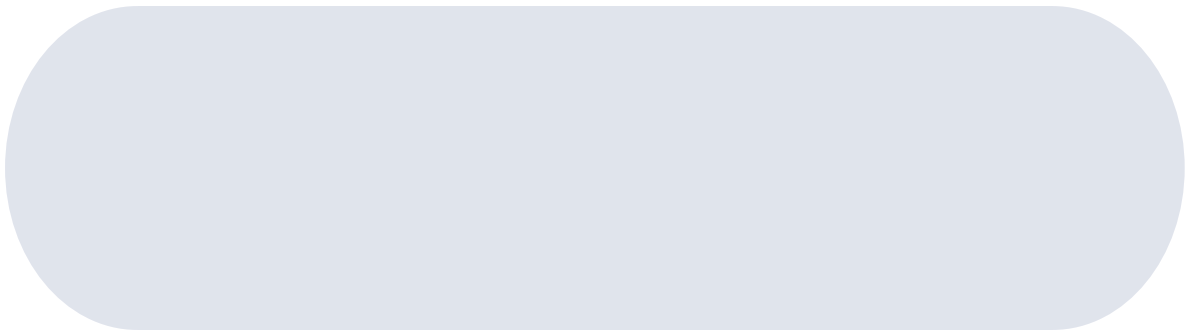
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NEXT STEPS

Base Camp, Good News Women's Study, Pathway: Practicing the Presence, and Belgium Mission Trip

01 WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

In the space below, write down your definition of the Gospel.



The Gospel is God's _____ - _____
kingdom of _____ and _____

from sin and death, _____

in the Word, _____

by the Holy Spirit, _____ to us,

and _____ through King Jesus.

The Introduction to Poetry

by Billy Collins

I ask them to take a poem
and hold it up to the light
like a color slide

or press an ear against its hive.

I say drop a mouse into a poem
and watch him probe his way out,

or walk inside the poem's room
and feel the walls for a light switch.

I want them to waterski
across the surface of a poem
waving at the author's name on the shore.

But all they want to do
is tie the poem to a chair with rope
and torture a confession out of it.

They begin beating it with a hose
to find out what it really means.

Our Definition of the Gospel

The Gospel is God's upside-down kingdom of redemption and life from sin and death, proclaimed in the Word, revealed by the Holy Spirit, offered to us, and entered through King Jesus

TURN & TALK

Take turns responding to these questions at your table. Stay curious with each other as we seek to learn and grow together.

- What words or concepts of the Gospel definition stand out to you?
- If you were writing your own definition of the Gospel, what would you add or clarify?
- You came in tonight with a definition of the Gospel, how does that definition differ from the one in this book?

ME & JESUS

🔱 *"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name."*

The gospel starts and ends with God. The Good News is that God is set apart from the sin and fallenness of this world. He is Holy. He invites us into relationship with Him. He is Father and He calls sons and daughters into His family.

John 1:1-13 // 1 John 3:1-3 // Isaiah 6:1-8 // 1 Peter 1:15-16

🔱 *"Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."*

The good news is that the Kingdom of God is one of life and light. There is no sin, sickness, death, loss, or lacking. The Gospel is that by the Holy Spirit we can manifest the kingdom of God here and now. Where does God's kingdom need to come? Where is God's will being subverted? Where are there discrepancies between what heaven is like and what earth is like? What is dead that will one day be alive? Father how can I be your ambassador here on earth?

Luke 12:32-34 // Psalm 135:1-21 // Colossians 1:15-20

🔱 *"Give us this day our daily bread,"*

We are desperate. We are in need. We are not in control, and we cannot provide for ourselves. The good news is you are our great provider. You are the giver of life and all things that are good, noble, and pure. You are generous and full of loving-kindness. You will not leave us as orphans. You know what we need even before we ask. The Gospel is that you have made provision for all that which is truly life.

*Matthew 6:25-34 // James 1:16-18 // Philippians 4:19
Ephesians 3:20-21 // John 14:18-21*

🏴‍☠️ ***“and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.”***

The good news of Jesus is that when we were enemies, when we were dead in our sins and trespasses, when we were like sheep that had gone astray, Jesus loved us and gave His life as a payment for our sin. He is faithful and able to forgive our sins no matter how vile they may be because he loves us. The gospel is that as Jesus has loved us He calls us to love one-another. We can and do forgive because He first forgave us.

Matthew 18:21-35 // 1 John 1:5-9 // Psalm 103:1-22

Hebrews 10:1-18 // Matthew 6:14-15

🏴‍☠️ ***“And lead us not into temptation,”***

The Kingdom of Jesus in a Kingdom of life. The wages of sin is death. The good news is Jesus leads us to green pastures and calm rivers. He allows us to be tried and tested, but does not lead us to that which is evil and destructive. The gospel is that He is good and leads us to what is good.

James 1:13-15 // Jude 1:24-25 // Psalm 119

1 Corinthians 10:13 // Psalm 1 // Psalm 23

🏴‍☠️ ***“But deliver us from evil.”***

There is evil in this world. The Gospel is that Jesus has overcome this world. He has defeated death. In Him, we find rescue and defense from all that is evil. The good news is that Jesus fights for us. If Christ is for us who can be against us. He guards us in this life and when this life is over we will be immediately present with the Lord.

Revelation 21:1-8 // 1 Corinthians 15:20-28 // Psalm 91

Isaiah 43:1-7 // 1 John 5:1-5

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE

- Pray through the *Lord's Prayer* each night this week
- Memorize Galatians 2:20

MEMORY VERSE

“

I have been crucified
with Christ. It is no
longer I who live, but
Christ who lives in me.
And the life I now live
in the flesh I live by
faith in the Son of God,
who loved me and gave
himself for me.

”

GALATIANS 2:20

02 HOW DOES THE GOSPEL LIVE IN ME?

“I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

Galatians 2:20, ESV

TURN & TALK

Take turns responding to these questions at your table. Stay curious with each other as we seek to learn and grow together.

- What do you do to preach the Gospel to yourself?
- Where in your schedule do you see an opportunity to live out the Gospel?
- Is there anything in your life you feel the Holy Spirit nudging you to stop doing/ start doing/ or continue doing in your daily/weekly rhythms?

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There is nothing attractive about the gospel to the natural man; the only man who finds the gospel attractive is the man who is convicted of sin.

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OSWALD CHAMBERS

ME & JESUS

Read

Begin by slowly and meditatively reading your Scripture passage out loud. Listen for a particular word or phrase that speaks to you at this moment and sit with it for a time.

Meditate

Read the same passage a second time. As you re-engage the text, let the word or phrase that stood out become your invitation to dialogue with God. Allow the word or phrase to wash over you and permeate your thoughts and feelings.

Pray

Read the text a third time. What is God saying to you in these words? What do you want to say to God? What feelings do these words raise up in you? Share your answers with God.

Contemplate

Read the text a final time. As you do, release the word or phrase you have been praying with. Be still and rest in God's embrace. What insight or direction has God given you to take away from this prayer? To what action might God be inviting you? Thank God for this gift and invitation as you conclude your prayer.

The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

Matthew 18:21-35

21 Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?”

22 Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

23 “Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. **24** As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. **25** Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

26 “At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ **27** The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

28 “But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded.

29 “His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’ **30** “But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. **31** When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

32 “Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. **33** Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ **34** In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

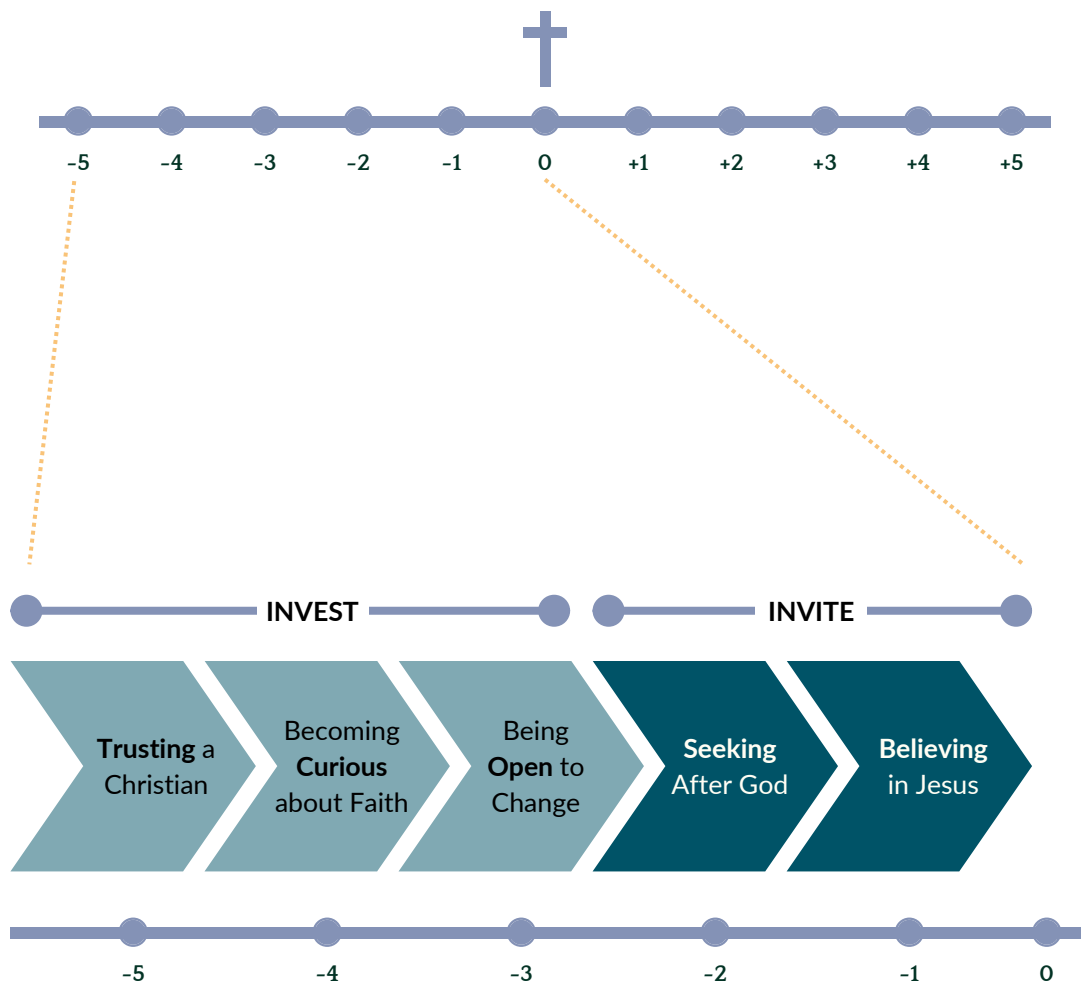
35 “This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

THIS WEEK’S CHALLENGE

- Is there someone you need to “unpack the backpack” with and ask for their forgiveness?
- Is there a sin struggle you need to “bring to the light” and share with a trusted person in your life?

03 HOW DO I LIVE IN A WAY THAT BEGS THE QUESTION?

The Spiritual Spectrum



For the _____ of _____ is
_____, but the free _____ of
_____ is eternal _____ in
_____ our Lord.

Romans 6:23, ESV

TURN & TALK

Take turns responding to these questions at your table. Stay curious with each other as we seek to learn and grow together.

- What did -5 to 0 on the Spiritual Spectrum look like for you? What were the key influential moments/people in your story?
- Is there a “whosoever” you’re walking with right now? If not, is there someone on your heart to begin walking alongside as a part of their Spiritual Spectrum?

ME & JESUS

Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet

John 13:1-17

1 It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

2 The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. **3** Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; **4** so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. **5** After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

7 Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

8 "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."

9 "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"

10 Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." **11** For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

12 When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. **13** "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. **14** Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. **15** I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. **16** Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. **17** Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE

- What is one thing you feel led to change that will help you live in the way that begs the question?
- Find someone to practice sharing your story.
- Pray and identify one person who doesn't know Jesus and begin to build and deepen relationship with them

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If the gospel is
old news to you,
it will be dull
news to
everyone else.

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KEVIN DEYOUNG

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BASE CAMP: FEBRUARY 9 & 10

Base Camp is a two-day experience where you will learn and implement Jesus' method of discipleship. The event will be Friday, February 9th from 12:00PM-8:00PM and Saturday, February 10th from 8:00AM-4:00PM.



WOMEN'S GOSPEL STUDY

Join us beginning February 7th & 8th for a 6-week study entitled *Good News: How the Four Gospels Point Us to One Person We Can Trust*. Childcare is available as well as a Wednesday evening livestream option.



PATHWAY: JULY 20TH

Join us for a one-day conference style Pathway as we dive into *Practicing the Presence* with a deeper look at spiritual practices. This event will run from 9AM-4PM, space is limited.



BELGIUM MISSION TRIP: JULY

With less than 5% of the population believing in Jesus, join us in Belgium to make connections with young adults through sports camp and have an opportunity to share the gospel.

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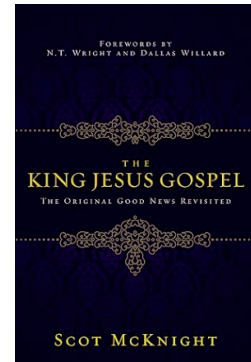
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THE KING JESUS GOSPEL: THE ORIGINAL GOOD NEWS REVISITED

Contemporary evangelicals have built a "salvation culture" but not a "gospel culture." Evangelicals have reduced the gospel to the message of personal salvation. This book makes a plea for us to recover the old gospel as that which is still new and still fresh.



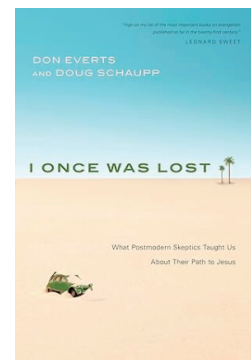
BLESS: 5 EVERYDAY WAYS TO LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AND CHANGE THE WORLD

When you've been transformed by God's love, you can't help but want others to experience the same grace and freedom. But how do you share it without scaring them away or offending them? For most Christians, "evangelism" is an intimidating word that suggests handing out tracts to strangers or doing other awkward things. But what if there was a more organic, more authentic way to share your faith with your friends, neighbors, and coworkers?



I ONCE WAS LOST: WHAT POSTMODERN SKEPTICS TAUGHT US ABOUT THEIR PATH TO JESUS

How do people come to Jesus in today's postmodern culture? Not by a mechanical, linear process of cookie cutter conversions. Nor by a nebulous spiritual wandering that never culminates in decision and commitment.



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