

The Gospel as a story

We desire people to gain a comfortable understanding in what the gospel is and how to share it.

God - God has created all things, all things are created by Him and for Him. We are created intentionally by God, to have a loving relationship with Him. Therefore, each person has a deep yearning to know and experience God.

Key Verse - Colossians 1:16

Personal - What did life without God feel like?

Man/Sin - Although we are created by God and for God, our very nature is to rebel and reject God. We desire the created things of God over the creator God and therefore pursue things that cannot satisfy our deepest need. We sin against God by not loving Him, desiring Him, or serving Him. Therefore, our relationship with God is broken by our sin and we are eternally separated from Him.

Key Verses - Romans 1:21-22

Personal - What things did you pursue over God seeking fulfillment?

Jesus - God is full of mercy and grace. His love for us as his creation means he was willing to do what is necessary to bridge our broken relationship. Our sin has a penalty, that penalty was death and eternal separation from God. God being rich in mercy, sent Jesus to live and die as a substitution for our sin. His life and death is the all sufficient one time payment for our sin that enables a person to be forgiven of their sin. Confessing we are sinners and trusting the person and work of Jesus restores us to God.

Key Verse - Romans 6:23

Personal - How did you repent and trust Jesus?

Holy Spirit - Being forgiven by God through the person and work of Jesus restores us to a right relationship with God. The Holy Spirit now resides in us to guide, direct, empower, and teach us how to now live as a son and daughter of God. Although we are restored to God, we still battle sinful natures. The Holy Spirit is our helper in loving and serving God with our lives.

Key Verses - John 16:12-14

Personal - How do you now live seeking after God?