

The Gospel is Missional
2 Corinthians 5:16-21
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“The only way we are ever going to see the glory of God cover all the earth is when there are people living for the glory of God in all of life.” Vanderstelt

I. Because we have the gospel, we are missional.

1. When the gospel is missional, we recognize that the gospel is the news that God has come into this world. Vs. 14
2. When the gospel is missional, we see the world differently. Vs. 16
3. When the gospel is missional, we are made new. Vs. 17
4. When the gospel is missional, all things are made new.
 - a. Live as ambassadors of the Kingdom of God. Vs. 20

II. Why we often lack gospel-centered mission.

1. We are not compelled to be missional.
 - a. Busyness does not equal living on mission.
 - b. Laziness and leisure
2. We do not know how to be on mission.
 - a. There is not a magical equation or formula that you need to know.
 - b. Follow other’s example.
3. We are unaware that God is present and at work.
 - a. When we forget the Spirit’s work in a believer, we shoulder a mission that is impossible for us.
 - b. Don’t force it.
 - c. Remember, remember, remember!

III. Our response to a missional gospel.

1. If you are changed by the gospel, you will proclaim the gospel.
 - a. Be faithful to proclaim, and the Spirit will do His work.
1 Peter 2:11-12

2. Be aware of God's mission where you are. Ask for the Spirit's guidance and prompting.
Romans 8:14, Acts 16:6-8
3. The apostles and elders lived among the people... temple courts, homes, and wherever the Spirit led them.
1 Timothy 3:2, 3:7
4. A missional community displays the gospel to the world.
 - a. Matthew 5:14

Faith Sheet

Transformation Verse (October) – *"Let us consider how to encourage one another to love and good deeds."*
Hebrews 10:24

Main Theme

~ Community exists to remind us to join in with God's mission to live out the gospel.

#1 - Reviewing this Past Sunday The Gospel is Missional 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

1. How has the gospel changed you and made you new through Christ?
2. Are you currently living out a missional gospel? Discuss with a friend.
3. What may be keeping you from being missional?
4. Take a few moments to pray for awareness of how God is present and at work where you are.
5. Discuss how to join into God's mission this week and pray for the Spirit's guidance.

2 - Preparing for Next Sunday God Centered Discipleship Philippian 2: 12-15

1. Read Philippians 2: 12-15.
2. What did the Philippian Christians need to obey?
3. How did God empower the Philippians to obey Him?
4. Why were the Philippians not shining "like stars" in their world?
5. What godly qualities make Christians "shine like stars"?
6. How does shining for Christ encourage others to be drawn to Him?