

Small Group Discussion Guide — September 13, 2020

- Series: Good News for Everyone
 - Sermon: The Gospel of God
 - Scripture: Colossians 1: 3-6, Romans 1: 16-17
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FOLLOW-UP FROM THE SUMMER:

What is the hope that you hold for life on the other side of this COVID season?

CONNECT:

1. What one thing stood out to you from this weekend's services?
2. What is the best news you have ever received?

ENGAGE:

1. Read Colossians 1:3-6.
 - Who comes to mind in your life, past or present, that you would pray this prayer about? How has that person impacted your faith walk? Can you think of someone who would pray that prayer about you?
 - What is the hope stored up for you in heaven? How does that change how you live each day?
2. Read Romans 1:16-17.
 - Why would Paul have to state that he is not ashamed of the gospel? Why is it good news to "first the Jew and then the Greek" (Gentile)?
 - How would you define the righteousness of God? How does faith play into it?

APPLY:

1. What is one thing you could start to practice in your daily life to become more like the people of faith described in the Colossians passage? What is one attitude change you feel would help you become that person?
2. Think about some of the ways that the gospel has changed the world. How do those ideas help you to "take in" the message of the gospel in your life? Can you describe the before and after that shows how you're different from having truly "ingested" life in Christ? If you have not yet internalized the gospel, what is holding you back?

PRAY:

Gracious God, we thank you for your great love that knows no bounds, for the sacrifice that Jesus made to restore our relationship with you, and for the treasure of the gospel. Help us to live fully into these truths and to spread the good news to those who don't yet know. We pray this in the holy name of your son, Jesus. Amen

GOING DEEPER:

Pick a couple of the following scriptures and discuss the question David asked in his sermon:
Where is the Gospel in that?

Genesis 1:27-28

John 1:1-5, 14

Isaiah 53:1-5

Romans 3:23-25

Jeremiah 31:31-34

2 Corinthians 5:17-19