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# Pastor's Introduction

Evangelism can be a scary word for many Christians. The thought of telling others about Jesus terrifies many of us, but it doesn't need to be a scary proposition. As one author put it: "It is simply one beggar telling another beggar where to find bread." If you are a Christian, you have believed the gospel and trusted Jesus by faith to save you from your sin. Christ has called you, as His follower, to spread that good news to the ends of the earth.

So, what do you tell? You tell the gospel. It is what you have believed and what has been entrusted to you. "Tell the World" is a new 12-week sermon series that will walk us through the book of Romans, explaining the gospel. Our prayer is that this series will encourage our faith. We pray that it will inspire our church to be faithful in sharing the good news. Throughout this series, we will have some special emphases to challenge us in evangelism:

- Who's Your One? Day on January 28 (we have set a goal to have 1700 people in worship across our Wallace family that day! Join us in praying)
- Green Light Sunday on February 25 (we will learn about mission opportunities around the world)
- E-Team Mission Moments in the month of February (we will learn about ways we can get involved in evangelism locally)
- Easter on March 31 (this will be the conclusion of our series & a great day to celebrate our living hope!)

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**Participant Guide for January 7, 2024**

## **Gospel: Who Is God?**

Romans 1:18-20

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### **Highlight**

Action Step:

Which verse(s) spoke to you this week?

### **Explain**

Sermon and discussion notes:

Psalm 19:1

The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the expanse proclaims the work of his hands. <sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> [\*Christian Standard Bible\*](#) (Nashville, TN: Holman Bible Publishers, 2020), Ps 19:1.



## Apply

1. God is the eternal, preexistent, almighty God over all creation. Discuss the implications of this truth.
2. Read Romans 1:18-21: The world would have you believe that man started in ignorance of God and evolved into worshipping God. What does the testimony of creation say?
3. God's eternal attributes are His and His alone. God is **omnipotent**. This means He is supremely powerful. How does this truth impact how we interact with God?
4. God is **omniscient**. This means He has supreme knowledge. How does this truth impact how we interact with God?
5. God is **omnipresent**. This means He is always present, everywhere, throughout time. God, being spirit, transcends time and space. God is not bound by anything. As such, He can supremely govern all of eternity past, eternity present, and eternity future.

## Respond

→ **Challenge – What are you going to do in response to the truth communicated today?**

- ◆ Discuss with your family the awesomeness of God and why we worship and trust Him.

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**Participant Guide January 14, 2024**

## **Gospel: Who Is Man?**

Romans 3:23

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### **Highlight**

Action Step:

Which verse(s) spoke to you this week?

### **Explain**

Sermon and discussion notes:



## Apply

1. It is not uncommon for people to say that, for the most part, people are intrinsically good. What does it mean to be good? How do you define goodness in yourself and others?
2. Do you think people are born good, bad, or neutral? What factors influence their moral development?
3. How do you define sin? Are we sinners because we sin, or do we sin because we are sinners? How does sin affect humanity's goodness? Are humans as bad as we could be, or does God place unseen limits on just how depraved humanity can be?
4. Paul says that we all "fall short of the glory of God." Does "falling short" genuinely do justice to how far away we are from meeting the glory of God? How short do we really fall most days?
5. Read Isaiah 43:7: What does Isaiah say about God's purpose for creating human beings? In what ways did God intend humanity to show his glory through their original design? How did the problem of sin affect the relationship between humanity and God's glory?

## Respond

→ **Challenge - What are you going to do in response to the truth communicated today?**

- ◆ This week, consider how you pray for your sinful condition. How can you best serve God in light of the reality of your sinfulness?

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## Participant Guide for January 21, 2024

# Gospel: Who Is Christ?

Romans 5:8

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## Highlight

Action Step:

Which verse(s) spoke to you this week?

## Explain

Sermon and discussion notes:

But God proves his own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> [\*Christian Standard Bible\*](#) (Nashville, TN: Holman Bible Publishers, 2020), Ro 5:8.



## Apply

1. We are a proud people who have a desire to live in control of our own destiny. Discuss the foolishness of this notion in light of sin and judgment.
2. Who is Jesus? His own testimony best answers our subject of the day. Read John 14:6. Who does Jesus say that He is? Discuss these adjectives and their importance in our need for Jesus.
3. Jesus is God in human likeness. Why was it necessary for the Father to pay such a price as sending His only Son to die for us?
4. We have been taught that Jesus was fully God and fully man. Why does this matter in the Gospel message we share?
5. Jesus as Savior and Lord is inseparable. Is it possible to claim Him as Savior and not follow Him as Lord?

## Respond

- **Challenge - What are you going to do in response to the truth communicated today?**
- ◆ Worship the Christ today as your Lord and Savior. If you feel a need to speak with someone concerning your salvation, please contact your Connect Leader or Pastoral staff. We would love to love you with the Gospel.

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**Participant Guide for January 28, 2024**

# **Gospel: How To Respond?**

Romans 10:9-10; 13

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## **Highlight**

Action Step:

Which verse(s) spoke to you this week?

## **Explain**

Sermon and discussion notes:



## Apply

1. Share a time when you have seen something that you knew had to be "too good to be true," but it surprisingly turned out to be true. How did you react when you realized it was true? What factors might influence our tendency to doubt things?
2. According to this passage, the response that God expects of his children to be saved is quite simple. It's almost too good to be true. One must "confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord" and "believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead." That's it! Why might the simplicity of accepting the gospel message seem "too good to be true"? How do we sometimes make it harder for ourselves or others to receive the gospel?
3. What does it mean to confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord? Why is confession necessary? How does this confession affect your life and relationships?
4. What does it mean to believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead? Why is belief in the resurrection a requirement for salvation? How does belief in Jesus' resurrection give you hope and assurance of salvation?
5. How can you share the message of these verses with others who need to hear it? What are some practical ways to demonstrate your confession and belief in your daily life?

## Respond

→ **Challenge - What are you going to do in response to the truth communicated today?**

- ◆ Response to the gospel is a one-time event in terms of saving faith; however, a Christian must respond daily to the gospel message. This week, consider how you respond to the gospel message in your day-to-day life.



**Participant Guide for February 4, 2024**

# **Who God Is...Righteous**

Romans 2:1-11

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## **Highlight**

Action Step:

Which verse(s) spoke to you this week?

## **Explain**

Sermon and discussion notes:



## Apply

1. Do you know anyone in your life that you would refer to as a righteous person? Without naming names, share the reason for your answer.
2. What does “righteous” mean? Can we attain righteousness? Why or why not?
3. Christ’s judgment is always perfect. Why is this important in the eternal scope of things? How does this speak to us being judgmental?
4. Why should the righteousness of Christ Jesus give us security in trusting Him for His direction and correction in our lives?
5. While as believers we are no longer condemned by our sin (Romans 8:1). We are accountable to Christ regarding our sin. How should we respond when the Spirit of Christ convicts us of sin?

## Respond

→ **Challenge - What are you going to do in response to the truth communicated today?**

- ◆ Talk to your family about the importance of confession and repentance as a way of life for believers.

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**Participant Guide for February 11, 2024**

## **Who God Is...Ruler**

Romans 11:33-36

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### **Highlight**

Action Step:

Which verse(s) spoke to you this week?

### **Explain**

Sermon and discussion notes:



## Apply

1. What attributes of God are highlighted in this passage?
2. How does this hymn of praise connect to the first two verses of chapter 12? How does Paul say that the Christian should respond to the promises and purposes of God?
3. Read Psalm 97:9, 1 Chronicles 16:25, Psalm 95:3, and Psalm 96:4: What themes does each of these verses share? Why is God's position over other gods such a commonly repeated theme?
4. How do these verses describe God's relationship with humanity? Is it one of equality or hierarchy?
5. How does the world influence your choices and actions? How does God guide your decisions and behaviors? In what areas of your life do you find it hard to follow God's will? In what areas of your life do you feel you are aligned with God's purpose?
6. How do you experience the "depths" of God's wisdom and knowledge in your own life? Can you share any personal examples?

## Respond

→ **Challenge - What are you going to do in response to the truth communicated today?**

- ◆ This week, consider other passages that speak to God's wisdom and sovereignty, such as Job 38-42 or Proverbs 3:5-6.

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**Participant Guide for February 18, 2024**

## **Who Man Is...Sinner**

Romans 8:5-8

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### **Highlight**

Action Step:

Which verse(s) spoke to you this week?

### **Explain**

Sermon and discussion notes:



## Apply

1. Are you a sinner? What does that mean? Do you believe people generally would describe themselves in this way? Why or why not?
2. Concerning salvation, is it essential to understand the doctrine of sin and its consequences before coming to salvation? Why or why not?
3. What do you believe it takes for someone to be born again?
4. Traditionally, do you think the church has adequately explained what is required to be born again? Why or why not? What impact has this had on the 21<sup>st</sup> Century church? Has church growth been emphasized more than people growth?
5. Our flesh continues to thrive after our salvation. How can we use the truth in our passage today to evaluate our spiritual condition?

## Respond

→ **Challenge - What are you going to do in response to the truth communicated today?**

- ◆ This week, pray a prayer of commitment to God to set your mind on the things of the Spirit.

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**Participant Guide for February 25, 2024**

# **Green Light Conference**

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## **Highlight**

Action Step:

Which verse(s) spoke to you this week?

## **Explain**

Sermon and discussion notes:



## Apply

A supplemental guide will be made available closer to the Green Light Conference.

## Respond

→ **Challenge - What are you going to do in response to the truth communicated today?**

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**Participant Guide for March 3, 2024**

# **Who Man Is...Saved**

Romans 6:1-11

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## **Highlight**

Action Step:

Which verse(s) spoke to you this week?

## **Explain**

Sermon and discussion notes:



## Apply

1. One of our church's core values is "to be saved is to be sent." What does that mean? In what ways do you see our church acting out this core value?
2. Consider the magnitude of Paul's statement, "What should we say then? Should we continue in sin so that grace may multiply?". What misunderstanding does Paul seem to be addressing? Have you ever encountered the misconception that "grace means freedom to sin"? How do you respond to this idea?
3. In what ways does Paul compare baptism to dying to sin and being raised with Christ? How does this comparison affect how we live every day?
4. How many promises of salvation can you find in this passage? What is the main point Paul is making in terms of salvation?
5. After coming to know Christ, what are some areas of your life where you struggled to "put off the old" and "put on the new?" Share specific examples.

## Respond

→ **Challenge - What are you going to do in response to the truth communicated today?**

- ◆ This week, consider how you have recently felt the transformational power of the gospel in your life. If nothing comes to mind, pray over these verses, asking for a special movement of God.

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**Participant Guide for March 10, 2024**

# **Who Christ Is...Suffering Servant**

Romans 5:18-21

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## **Highlight**

Action Step:

Which verse(s) spoke to you this week?

## **Explain**

Sermon and discussion notes:

Most New Testament quotes about the suffering servant are from Isaiah 53:1-12.



## Apply

1. Can you think of someone you know who has suffered on someone else's behalf? Share the story and how that made you feel about that person.
2. Read John 15:13. How do these words of Jesus speak to our topic today?
3. Isaiah 53:1-12 has been thought of since the days of the early church as a Messianic prophecy. Read this passage and discuss whether or not this is true. What does it mean that Jesus is our suffering servant?
4. How should our lives reflect this grace given to us by Christ Jesus?
5. How can you help others see the love of Christ through his role as suffering servant?

## Respond

- **Challenge - What are you going to do in response to the truth communicated today?**
  - ◆ Discuss with your family today how great the love of Christ is and how we should make sure our lives show gratitude for his great love.

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**Participant Guide for March 17, 2024**

# **Who Christ Is...Conquering King**

Romans 8:34-39

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## **Highlight**

Action Step:

Which verse(s) spoke to you this week?

## **Explain**

Sermon and discussion notes:



## Apply

1. A few weeks ago, we talked about one of our church values and this week, we see another: "Let's worship the king." What does this mean for our church family? What does this mean specifically for you? How do you worship the king outside of Sundays?
2. In verses 35-38, Paul lists several hardships: how many do you see, and what are they? Have you experienced any of them? How can these verses offer comfort in the face of hardships and suffering?
3. Can you feel the magnitude and passion in Paul's conclusion in verses 37-39? It's as if he's so excited about God as our conquering King that he's standing up shouting this part of his letter. How do these verses describe God's overwhelming power, unshakable presence, supreme authority, and source of confidence?
4. Read John 3:16 and Hebrews 13:5-6: How do these two passages and our passage today speak of God's unfailing love and faithfulness for his people?
5. What are some of your practical strategies for cultivating a more profound sense of God's love and presence in your lives? Go beyond talking about what things like "prayer, Bible study, and worship" ARE and discuss the HOW.

## Respond

→ **Challenge - What are you going to do in response to the truth communicated today?**

- ◆ This week, read Psalm 139 and consider God's unfailing love for you.

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**Participant Guide for March 24, 2024 – Palm Sunday**

## **How To Respond...Faith**

Romans 5:1-5

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### **Highlight**

Action Step:

Which verse(s) spoke to you this week?

### **Explain**

Sermon and discussion notes:



## Apply

1. The truth of who Jesus is and what he has done for us begs a response. But how do we respond? What is faith?
2. How important is faith in our salvation?
3. Is faith a hope or belief that is inherent within each of us?
4. How does God reward the faith of those who respond?
5. How does this response affect the direction and fruit of our lives?

## Respond

→ **Challenge - What are you going to do in response to the truth communicated today?**

- ◆ Thank God today for his gift of faith given to you to receive His gift of salvation.

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**Participant Guide for March 31, 2024 - Easter**

# **How To Respond...Obedience**

Romans 12:1-2

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## **Highlight**

Action Step:

Which verse(s) spoke to you this week?

## **Explain**

Sermon and discussion notes:



## Apply

1. What does it mean to be able to "discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God?" Is it possible to have such a close relationship with God that we can know his will? What are the signs that we are following his guidance correctly?
2. This passage begins with a powerful call to "present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God." How does this imagery emphasize our complete and ongoing surrender to God?
3. How are the acts of "presenting ourselves as a living sacrifice" and "renewing our minds" linked together? How is true obedience different from forced compliance?
4. As you grow in your faith, what are some examples in your life where you see your mind's active transformation and renewal? Share some practical tips and resources that have helped you.
5. How can our group create an environment that helps foster growth and authentic obedience in one another?

## Respond

→ **Challenge - What are you going to do in response to the truth communicated today?**

- ◆ This week, pray for God's help to surrender your heart and mind radically.

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