



LIFE ON MISSION “Why the Gospel is Good News”

Mark 1:14-15 & 1 Cor. 15:1-4
April 12, 2015

- ✓ The Good News is the Kingdom of God is Not of This World *John 18:36-37*
- ✓ The Good News is Our King is a Servant King Who Desires a Relationship With Us. *Philippians 2:5-11*
- ✓ The Good News is Though We Are Broken, We Can Be Made Whole *Romans 6:23*
- ✓ The Good News is Jesus Loves Me *John 3:16; I John 3:16; John 15:13*
- ✓ The Good News is That the Gospel is for Everyone *Romans 10:13*
- ✓ The Good News is Though I Was Born a Sinner I Can Be Made a Child of the King *John 1:12*
- ✓ The Good News is I Can Be Forgiven and Set Free From Slavery to Sin *Colossians 2:14*
- ✓ The Good News is Jesus Saves – He Died and Rose Again *I Corinthians 5:1-4*
- ✓ The Good News is I Can Have Eternal Life *John 3:16; 14:1-4; Romans 6:23*
- ✓ The Good News is It Doesn't Depend Upon Me and What I Did or Will Do - *Ephesians 2:8-9*

- ✓ The Good News is The Gospel is Designed to Make Us More Like Jesus *Romans 8:29*
- ✓ The Good News Gives Me the Way to Live a Transformed Life – One of Abundant Joy! *Romans 12:1-2 & John 10:9-10*
- ✓ The Good News Gives Me Purpose and Direction in Life *Jeremiah 29:11-13*
- ✓ The Good News is Meant to Be Shared With Others *Matthew 28:18-20*

How Will Respond?

- ✓ Would you accept the greatest gift - The Gospel – that you could ever receive the Gift of Eternal Life? Would you give Him your heart & life today? Remember it is as simple as **ABC!** **A**dmit to God you are a sinner, **A**sk for His forgiveness, **B**elieve Jesus is God's Son, **C**onfess Him as Savior & **C**ommit Your Life to Him as Lord. (the Boss of your life)
- ✓ Have you asked Christ into your heart but never made it public. Have you not been baptized? You can come & make that decision today public today. He was willing to humble Himself and be obedient, will you?
- ✓ Are you a part of a church family? If not, you need one! Is the Lord calling you to Petal FBC today? Why wait any longer? Step over the line and join us in reaching this community with the gospel of Jesus Christ! Help us tell others that the King has come and is coming again!
- ✓ How thankful are you today for the Gospel and the good News that it brings? Give thanks this week that you have been set free from you sin? Are you daily falling in love with Jesus and allowing him to transform you to look like Him? How excited are you to be sharing the Gospel with others? **Remember: The Good news isn't good news unless they hear it in time!**

LIFE ON MISSION

“Why the Gospel is Good News”

Mark :14-15& 1 Corinthians 5:1-4

April 12, 2015 AM Service

We are in this series entitled Life on Mission that will take us through the end of April. I pray that you are reading the 5 daily readings each week and that you are in a LifeGroup to get the most out of this series. We are building up to the final Sunday in this Series where I will share the 3 Circles and show you how you can easily share your faith with someone else. I remind you that you can go ahead and download the app to your Phone or iPad or similar device. We will also be handing out a “tract” version of it as well for you to use. I really pray that you will be here the next 2 Sundays as we will look at The 4 I’s of Living a Life on Mission and then again showing how you can share the 3 circles.

This morning we are going to talk about the last 2 circles of the 3 circles, brokenness and the Gospel. Brokenness is what you have been reading about this past week and in LifeGroups this morning and you will be reading on the Gospel this week. I want us to talk about Why the Gospel is such good news or really great news and rejoice in that. But before we get there we have to really talk about the bad news so that we understand how great the good news is! We don’t like to hear about bad news, especially if it involves us and our lives. We can grow tired of hearing about it too or become numb to it. Yet if we are going to live a life on mission then we must talk about the bad news. You have spent time this past week and this morning in LifeGroups talking about the brokenness of our lives, sin, and the brokenness of our world. It is no surprise to any of us that our world is broken and every person has or will experience brokenness in their own lives. The ultimate cause of this brokenness is one word – sin. Now sometimes the brokenness is caused by our own sin and others it is caused by the sin of others that affect us. Bottom line though is we are broken. This will lead us to the good news. But let us first remind ourselves one more time at one brokenness with no good news brings – it brings more brokenness and more sin and without them coming to understand their need for a Savior, they live a difficult life and if they don’t choose to accept Him as Savior then they will be separated from Him eternally in a

place called hell that is real, awful, and horrible that no horror movie could ever even come close to describing or portraying – it is the ultimate place of brokenness.

Our call is to help people understand they are broken, our world is broken and what they can do with that brokenness. We have tremendous opportunities when others share their brokenness with us or we choose to get involved in the brokenness of other people's lives. We have the chance to speak the truth and good news of the Gospel into their lives. This isn't always easy, though just sharing the Gospel should be normal and natural for us. I really believe the Lord is calling us to get involved in the brokenness of people's lives so that we can share the great news of the Gospel. And here it is. This will not be new information to many of us here today, but I pray it is something that we can rejoice in today, and thank God for today, and also give us something to share with someone this week about the greatest news ever told – Jesus. Perhaps though you are here and you have never fully understood or accepted this greatest news. My prayer for you is before we are through this morning is that you will understand how the Gospel is such good news for you today and that you would accept Christ into your heart and life today!

Let's spend a few moments looking at Why the Gospel is the greatest news again with the backdrop of brokenness always in our view and the perspective and understanding with eternity in view and the clear reality of heaven and hell and how precious time is and how we are not promised tomorrow.

✓ **The Good News is the Kingdom of God is Not of This World**

John 18:36-37 36 Jesus answered, " My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm." 37 Therefore Pilate said to Him, "So You are a king?" Jesus answered, " You say correctly that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice." NASU

When we think of a King, we often think of kings and their kingdoms of days gone by. **ILLUS: Life on Mission Page 46-48**

✓ **The Good News is Our King is a Servant King Who Desires a Relationship With Us.** Jesus is nothing like those kings and his

kingdom is nothing like any kingdom of this world. Jesus is the King, but He is a servant King and unlike Kings of old he desires to have a deep and intimate relationship with every one of His people.

Philippians 2:5-11 5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. 8 Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. NASU

- ✓ **The Good News is Though We Are Broken, We Can Be Made Whole** *Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. NASU*

We have to acknowledge and recognize that we sinners and broken and empty without Christ. Again, we have to understand the bad news because then we can really appreciate and love the good news.

- ✓ **The Good News is Jesus Loves Me** *John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life." NASU*

1 John 3:16 "We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren." NASU

John 15:13 " Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends." NASU

He didn't just talk about loving us, but He demonstrated it so that the whole world could see and understand!

- ✓ **The Good News is Though I Was Born a Sinner I Can Be Made a Child of the King** *John 1:12-13 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. NASU*

Earthly adoption such a beautiful picture of God's adopting us into His Family **ILLUS: Child of the King**

- ✓ **The Good News is I Can Be Forgiven and Set Free From Slavery to Sin** *Colossians 2:14-15* *having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. NASU*

All of this is great news but this seems to be the best news to me – I don't have to live in my sin any longer and defeated by but because of what Jesus did I can live in victory over my sin.

- ✓ **The Good News is Jesus Saves – He Died and Rose Again**

Let us be clear it is great news but it cost Jesus everything! It was no cheap sacrifice or something that was easy. Yes God is love, but our sin debt had to be paid and the justice of God had to happen and instead of Him pouring out that wrath on our sin, He put it on Jesus instead!

I Corinthians 5:1-4 *"Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. 3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures," NASU*

- ✓ **The Good News is I Can Have Eternal Life** *John 3:16; 14:1-4; Romans 6:23* *John 14:1-4* *"Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 "In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. 3 "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also. 4 "And you know the way where I am going." NASU*

I can have eternal life with Jesus in heaven forever. We think our lives are long and last a long time, but it is nothing. It is nothing more than a speck of dust in comparison to eternity.

- ✓ **The Good News is it Doesn't Depend Upon Me and What I Did or Will Do** - *Ephesians 2:8-9* *For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9 not as a result*

of works, so that no one may boast. NASU

The Ground is level at the foot of the cross. It's what makes it great news – isn't about your wealth or lack thereof, it isn't about the color of your skin, isn't about where you live, it isn't about how good or bad you've been, isn't if you are religious or not, if you are a moral person or a bad person, it is simply about the grace and mercy of God poured out on us!

- ✓ **The Good News Gives Me the Way to Live a Transformed Life – One of Abundant Joy!** *Romans 12:1-2 & John 10:9-10 Rom 12:1-2 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect. NASU*

John 10:9-10 " I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. 10 "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. NASU

I can live a transformed life – this is where my part comes in. The Lord does it in me but then I am called to present my mind, body, and soul to the Lord as an act of worship to Him. And when I do that I can then experience and live that joy-filled, abundant life!

- ✓ **The Good News Gives Me Purpose and Direction in Life** *Jeremiah 29:11-13 'For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope. 12 'Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. 13 'You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart. NASU*

So many in our world have no direction and no purpose to live. They live for the here and now and that's it. We live for much more not only for eternity to come but for the here and now. God has a wonderful and incredible plan for our lives that will happen as we seek and find with Him with all our hearts! I follow His plan and His design and can live a life of significance and of great impact.

✓ **The Good News is Meant to Be Shared With Others**

Matthew 28:18-20 "18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, " All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 " Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." NASU

Because it's good news it is meant to be shared! If it's really that good then it must be shared. Remember, it's not really good news if people don't hear it in time!