



DISCUSSION GUIDE WEEK 1
(April 5th – 11th)

GOSPEL

This four-week vision series for 2026-2028 is titled **KINGDOM CULTURE**. Each week, we will look into four purposes entrusted to the church: to keep preaching Christ (Gospel), keep building community (Fellowship), keep living out Christ's love (Compassion), and keep reaching people far from God (Mission)!

Pastor Jon began the series with an Easter message simply called GOSPEL. The church is rooted in the reality of the resurrection, the central message of the Gospel.

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

The word "gospel" means good news. It is the news about who Jesus Christ is, what He has done (He was crucified, He was buried, and He rose again) and how receiving Him and His message through faith brings eternal life, and changes everything.

The gospel, or the good news about Jesus, is the best and most important news you will ever hear. It's the most life-changing news you could ever share with someone else.

WELCOME.

Where do you get your news and current events from (e.g. Fox, CBC, CNN, social media, etc.)?

WORSHIP. *KING OF KINGS (Ligertwood)*

WORD. *Read 1 Corinthians 1:18-30*

- Pastor Jon shared these sermon points this past weekend:
 - THE GOSPEL IS THE VERY POWER OF GOD TO SALVATION.** (18-21)
 - THE GOSPEL IS THE PLAN AND WISDOM OF GOD REVEALED.** (21-25)
 - THE GOSPEL IS GOD'S GRACE AT WORK.** (26-29)
 - THE GOSPEL IS HOW GOD WILL CHANGE THE WORLD.** (30-31)

What is your biggest takeaway from the sermon?
- Pastor Jon shared the context of pride and division happening in the church in Corinth. How do these verses address the divisions and pride mentioned earlier in Chapter 1?
- How does the "message of the cross" contrast with seeking "miraculous signs" or "philosophical proofs"?
- How does the message of the cross represent both the "power of God" and "foolishness" simultaneously?
- What is the difference between the "wisdom of this age" and the "wisdom of God," and why does God destroy the former?
- Why was a crucified Messiah a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles?
- What does it mean that God chose the "foolish," "weak," "lowly," and "despised" things of the world? What is his purpose in doing this?
- According to verse 30, what four things has Christ become for us?

WORK. *Apply God's Word:*

- In what foolish ways does modern culture view the message of the cross?
- Pastor Jon shared that "Everything we do is all about the Gospel." We are commanded in Romans 1:16 to not be ashamed to declare and share the gospel. Why?
- When was the last time you felt compelled to share the gospel with someone or invite someone to church? Did you obey the prompting of the Spirit, why or why not?
- Our church's bold GOSPEL vision for the next two years is to **lead 300 people to receive Christ**, and **200 baptisms**. How can you help fulfill this vision of helping people find eternal life and purpose in Christ?
- God is changing the world one life at a time through the Gospel. Pastor challenged each of us to have an individual gospel goal that would help contribute to our corporate goal. What is your gospel goal?

