

Bible Study 28th October 2020

Welcome: This evening we are going to be looking at the word “Gospel” and what it means, be prepared to be surprised.

How was the week?

Opening prayer:

Video link: <https://youtu.be/HT41M013X3A>

Video Question

Before watching this video, how did you understand the word “gospel?” How did this video change or add to your understanding?

Message link: http://go.jointhebibleproject.com/e/296292/rantinemail-utm-content-gospel/2178q2/495885645?h=-fZfehT8INqm8QQcZ3fc813Cb3RLsq_XympC00itakY

Message Question

Share one idea that taught, encouraged, or challenged you as you listened to Carissa's message.

Read: Matthew 5: 1 – 11

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them. He said:

*“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.
Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.”

Jesus invites all to respond with allegiance to his role as King. Allegiance to King Jesus means turning toward him with trust in our minds, emotions, and actions. It means, joining with him and his way of life, aligning our lives with his character, and asking the Holy Spirit to empower, fill, and inspire us to live it all out. This new way of being is laid out so beautifully in the Sermon on the Mount. There we see that life under King Jesus involves forgiveness, generosity, humility, and seeking peace for all. It's a life defined by love for God and for others.

Question 1:

What verse caught your attention most and why?

Question 2:

In many kingdoms, those at the top are rich and don't think they need anything. But in Jesus' Kingdom, the favoured are those who understand their great need. They receive everything from him (vs. 3). What are your spiritual, emotional, and/or physical needs today?

Question 3:

In many kingdoms, temporary comforts are pursued to avoid pain. But in Jesus' Kingdom, those who weep with Jesus over the pain of this world will receive his eternal comfort (vs. 4). Share a story of a time when you, or someone you know, mourned with those who were suffering.

Question 4:

In many kingdoms, power hungry bullies are often rewarded with more possessions and property. But in Jesus' Kingdom, the gentle will receive the earth (vs. 5). Gentleness requires tremendous restraint and patience. Who is someone you would describe as gentle?

Question 5:

Pray in response to Jesus' description of his Kingdom. Talk to God about what inspired amazement, how you agree with his message, where you struggle, and what you need in order to embody your allegiance to King Jesus.