



Oakwood

CHURCH

October 25 Discussion Questions

“The Gospel”

Acts 2:21-41

Preview

“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” Acts 2:21

Five Core Truths of the Gospel:

1. Jesus **Came** (v. 22)
2. Jesus **Lived** (v. 22)
3. Jesus **Died** (v. 23)
4. Jesus **Rose** (v. 24,27-31; Ps. 16:10)
5. Therefore: **Jesus Christ is Lord!** (v. 21; v. 24-36; Ps. 110:1)
 - **Lord:** The Sovereign God of Israel who keeps His promises (v. 25)
 - **Christ:** The Suffering Savior who protects His people in life and in death (v. 26-28)

Three Necessary Responses to the Gospel:

1. **Repent** - admit and turn from your sin (v. 38)
2. **Believe** - personally trust in Jesus to save you (v. 38,41)
3. **Confess** - verbally state that Jesus is Lord (v. 21, v. 40)

“If you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with the heart that you believe and are justified; and it is with the mouth that you confess and are saved.” Romans 10:9-10

Connect

1. Have a discussion on how technology has changed over time and how it's changed the way we live. What technology, if any, did you have growing up? Which tech invention most changed the way you live?
2. How has your understanding of the Gospel changed over time? In what ways has your past church experiences, parents, or culture influenced that understanding?
3. Every religion has a basis for its truth and authority. Who or what do other religions base their truth and authority on?

Read Acts 2:21-41

Discuss

4. Name as many of the five "core truths" of the Gospel that Pastor Darin shared on Sunday.
5. The first core truth is the incarnation. How would you define this? Why is it essential that Jesus had to come as a real human being?
6. Jesus performed many signs and miracles that proved His divinity. Is there a particular sign or miracle that especially impresses you?
7. How do you understand the statement that today we also are the ones who crucified Jesus? How does this spiritual truth hit you?
8. Despite all the great things Jesus accomplished, how would Christianity be different if He did not rise from the dead?
9. What does it mean that Jesus is Lord? Must someone confess Jesus to be both Lord and Savior if they are to be saved?
10. What are the necessary responses to the Gospel? How are confession and repentance different? Give an example.
11. Why is marriage a beautiful picture of salvation?

Apply

12. Which of the five "core truths" of the Gospel is especially meaningful to you today? Why?
13. How have you separated the salvation of Jesus from the Lordship of Jesus? Do you err more on grace or law? How must you work to counteract this position?
14. How is Jesus calling you to respond to the Gospel today?

Pray

Church-Wide Prayer Focus, from the Prayer Team

Personal Prayer Focus: Pray that people will repent, call on Jesus as Lord and surrender their lives to Him.

Ministry Prayer Focus: Pray for the upcoming election, our nation, and our president.