

THE GOSPEL ON A NAPKIN – 2/14/21

In times of pluralism, persecution, personal doubt we need...

❖ Our PERSONAL TESTIMONY

Rev 12:11- ¹¹ They triumphed over Satan by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.

❖ The SIMPLE GOSPEL- Jn 3:16 & the Romans Road

- John 3¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
- Rom 3²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God
- Rom 5⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
- Rom 6²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- Rom 10⁹ If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

❖ A SIMPLE PRAYER- Sorry, Thank You & Please- ABC- admit, believe, call

- ADMIT- Lord Jesus, I’m sorry for the wrong things I’ve said, thought and done. I’ve made my life about me, & hurt You, others, myself & this world. (Take a few moments to ask for Jesus’ forgiveness for anything on your conscience.)
- BELIEVE (trust!) Thank You for dying on the cross for me & rising again to pay for my sins, bring me back to God, & to use me to make a real difference in this world.
- CALL- Please forgive me & help me change & follow You! Thank You! You are my Savior, Lord, Example & Friend! Now help me to be an agent of healing, helping others come to You, love each other & take care of this world. (Take a few moments & ask Jesus what He wants you to do.)

❖ A SIMPLE PLAN- hear & obey God (join Him!)

➤ OVERALL

- * Discipleship- real life, real time, real relationship, real needs- lost & saved
- * 4 Relationships with Jesus helping you- God, others, self, creation
- * HOSTS- hear, obey, share, train, serve (justice, mercy)

➤ UP- Hear & obey God thru the Bible, prayer, Spirit's witness, God's people

- * *Daily*- B-PRAY-FL- Bible (SOAPS), praise, repent, ask, yourself, forgive, listen
 - SOAPS- Scripture, observe, apply, pray, share, serve
- * *Thru the day*- Spirit led, Bible centered, Prayer connected
- * *Weekly*- CHURCH- Jesus' family, better together, worship, small group, battle buddies

➤ OUT- hear & obey God thru needs, circumstances, people, Oikos map (influence)

➤ IN- hear & obey God thru...

- * Your Soul- thoughts, feelings, will
- * Your SHAPE- spiritual gifts, heart, abilities, passion, and experiences
- * Calling- what do you love, are good at, and a need you care about
- ✓ Be the change you want to see

❖ The POWER OF THE SPIRIT

- Jn 16⁸ When the Holy Spirit comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment:
- How did people get saved in the Bible? Did they pray the ABC prayer? Did they know all the Gospel Bible verses?

Jonah	John 4- the Samaritan woman
Luke 3- John the Baptist	John 9- the blind man
Luke 5- Peter & the paralytic	Acts 2- the crowd at Pentecost
Luke 7- the sinful woman	Acts 8- the Samaritans and Simon
Luke 15- the tax collectors & the Prodigal	Acts 8- the Ethiopian eunuch
Luke 19- Zacchaeus	Acts 10- Cornelius
Luke 23- the thief on the cross	Acts 16- the Philippian Jailer

John 3- Nicodemus	Acts 19- Ephesians
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- Jesus is the only way but the Spirit uses many ways to get us to Jesus.
- We need to be sensitive to the Spirit and the individual in our pluralistic culture

❖ THE BURNING QUESTION

ERA	GENERATION	THE BURNING ??- What is...	BIBLE CONCEPT
1942-62	Boomers	T _____	justification, apologetics
1962-82	Xers (Busters)	W _____	sanctification, testimony
1982-02	Millennials	G _____	mercy & justice, service
2002-22	Gen Z (Eclectics?)	B _____	worship, joy & love

- ✓ Each question is valid and part of the image of God
- ✓ Each generation judges the previous, overcompensates & misses the big story
- ✓ The gospel & kingdom answers each question & more
- ✓ Begin with the burning question so we can answer all the questions (Acts 13 cf 17)

❖ A SIMPLE WAY TO SHARE THE GOSPEL- ON A NAPKIN

- PRAY over your Oikos Map- ask God to help you to share
- PRACTICE this with a Christian friend till you get comfortable
- SHARE
 - ✓ Pray? - I want to be a blessing- How can I pray for you? Family, friends, situation.
 - * Can I pray for you right now?
 - ✓ Close/far? - We just prayed to Jesus. He loves us and died for us. How do you feel about your relationship with Jesus/God? Close, far, in between?
 - ✓ Show? - Can I show you a picture that has really helped me?
- FUTURE- Sign up for No Place Left Training

❖ Hear God's voice- What's God saying to you?

❖ Respond- Write it back in a prayer & obey-

❖ Share- Who do you need to share with, serve, train?