

The Gospel for Everyone

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The gospel is both dynamic, yet simple; transcendent, yet practical; personal, yet corporate; the gospel both what we need, where we need it, and what the world needs, where they need it. Understanding this allows each of us to receive the gospel where we are and to share the gospel with anyone, knowing the gospel transcends culture and time and invites each of us into life everlasting with God.

Sermon Points:

What is our response?

1. Receive the Gospel – believe in Jesus and enter a personal relationship with him; allow him to lead your life; live according to God’s Word
2. Share the Gospel – We talk about what we’re most excited about! If we love, worship, and serve God, we will grow in spreading the good news of his Son, Jesus Christ. “Share” is the second “S” in BLESS.

Scripture Text:

Acts 16:11-34

Stories of three different people (Lydia, slave girl, jailer) and how they responded to the gospel.

Acts 17:26-27

²⁶From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. ²⁷God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us.

Discussion Questions:

1. How has the gospel (the good news of Jesus Christ) impacted you? How did you come to faith in Jesus and how does he continue to influence your life?
2. Are there people you tend to (in your heart) think are less likely to receive the gospel? How does this prevent you from BLESSing them by sharing your faith with them?
3. How does reflecting on the gospel embolden you to BLESS others?
4. Who is on your FRANC List (from the Made for More Series) needs to hear the gospel? Of the three different people who trusted Jesus in the Acts 16 story, which approach would resonate most with that person on your FRANC List you thought about?
5. What is your biggest barrier to sharing the basic story of Jesus with people on your FRANC List?