

KNOWING THE GOSPEL



NEW TO
FOLLOWING JESUS

GODS PLAN AND PURPOSE ACROSS HIS STORY

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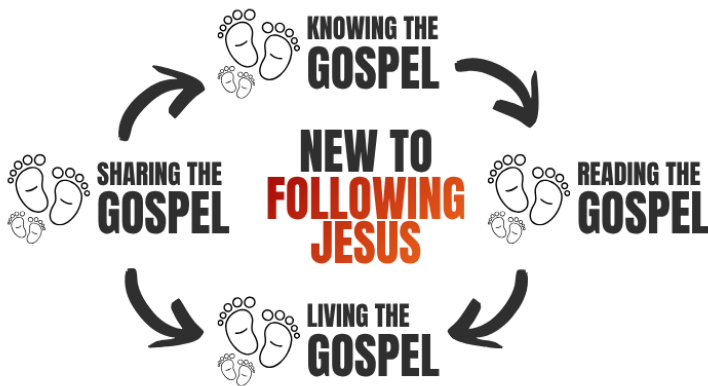
SERIES EXPLAINED

Welcome to following Jesus! Welcome to the family! God's family!

In this series we want to help you grow in knowing what it means, and what it looks like, to follow Jesus.

This material is designed to help you find out more about what God says it looks like to follow Him.

It asks you to read, watch and respond to truths from the Bible wherever you are in your relationship with God.



This series, just like life, is designed to be done with others. We would encourage you to be meeting up regularly with a more mature follower of Jesus to journey through this series.

So, what do you need to start?

- A heart to be discipled, to learn from God!
- A Bible.
- Someone to meet with.
- This booklet.

We pray that you grow to follow Jesus more closely and have your life shaped by the one you follow. Jesus!

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OVERVIEW

In this first of the series, we explore what it means to KNOW THE GOSPEL. The whole story of God and His creation.

The gospel is a story. An invitation, to be a part of God's story as he calls people to follow Him. The gospel like all stories, has a storyline, characters, problems, and solutions. All elements wrapped up in a certainty of hope.

The gospel is a story. An invitation, to be a part of God's story as he builds His kingdom. We will see a kingdom pattern, that involves a King, a place, and a people.

The gospel is a story. An invitation, to be a part of God's story as He calls people to follow the King. Jesus!

The gospel is a relationship with God. A relationship we are invited into. A relationship we are created for.

The gospel is a relationship with God that impacts and shapes every other relationship.

The gospel is a kingdom. An invitation to be part of God's kingdom under his rule.

The gospel is a kingdom. A kingdom that sees God's people, in God's place, under God's rule and blessing.

To know God is to know His gospel.

THE GOSPEL IS A STORY

THE GOSPEL IS A KINGDOM

THE GOSPEL IS A RELATIONSHIP

THE GOSPEL IS A STORY



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We all have a story. Our unique stories show not only who we are, but where we are from, and what has shaped us.

God is writing a story. History is HIS-STORY, God's story. God's story is written down in the Bible. It's called the gospel.

In this session we are going to take the time to learn more about God's story, and where our story fits within it.



PRAY

Your word is a lamp that gives light wherever I walk.

Psalms 119:105

God, thank You for sharing with us Your story. Help us know it, know You, and understand our place in it. In Jesus name. Amen.



SHARE

What do you know about God's story, the story of the Bible?



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EXPLORE

Let's have a look together about what the Bible says about
the Gospel as a story.

Read each of the passages below and see what these
aspects of God's story reveal about God, and about His
creation.

Genesis 1:1-2:1

What does it reveal about God?

What does it reveal about His creation?

Genesis 3; Romans 5:12

What does it reveal about God?

What does it reveal about His creation?

Romans 3:22-26

What does it reveal about God?

What does it reveal about His creation?

Hebrews 9:27-28; Hebrews 21:1-8

What does it reveal about God?

What does it reveal about His creation?



TALK

Using what you have learned, and what you understand, discuss together these questions...

- What are the main parts of the Gospel, God's story?
- What surprises you about the Gospel, God's story?
- What questions do you have about the Gospel, God's story?



ACT

Take the time to thank God for the good news, thanking Him for each key part of His story.



PRAY

Your word is a lamp that gives light wherever I walk.

Psalm 119:105

God, thank You for sharing with us Your story. Help us know it, know You, and understand our place in it. In Jesus name. Amen.



DIG DEEPER

Have a read of Genesis 6:9-9:17.

How do we see God's Big Story, the gospel, in the smaller story of Noah and the flood?

CREATION

FALL

REDEMPTION

RESTORATION

THE GOSPEL IS A KINGDOM



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As a story, the Bible has one major theme. The kingdom of God. God's people – His kingdom people. In God's place – His kingdom. Under God's rule and blessing – King Jesus.

Kingdom language isn't something we use daily, but in the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, it's used to reveal the gospel - the good news. A created kingdom, a broken kingdom, a present kingdom, and a restored kingdom.

In this session we are going to take the time to learn more about what the gospel reveals about God's kingdom, and how we fit into it.



PRAY

God's kingdom isn't about eating and drinking. It is about pleasing God, about living in peace, and about true happiness. All this comes from the Holy Spirit.

Romans 14:17

God, thank You for inviting us into Your kingdom. Help us understand what Your kingdom is, what it is like, and where we fit within it. In Jesus name. Amen.



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When you think about ‘kingdom’ what comes to mind?



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EXPLORE

Let’s have a look together about what the Bible says about the Gospel as a kingdom.

Read each of the passages below and see what these aspects of God’s story reveal about God, and about His kingdom.

Genesis 2:4-25

What does it reveal about God?

What does it reveal about His kingdom?

1 Chronicles 29:10-13

What does it reveal about God?

What does it reveal about His kingdom?

John 3:3-5

What does it reveal about God?

What does it reveal about His kingdom?

Revelation 21:1-8

What does it reveal about God?

What does it reveal about His kingdom?



TALK

Using what you have learned, and what you understand, discuss together these questions...

- Where do we fit into God's kingdom?

- What is it about God that makes Him the only King?
- What is required to be part of God's kingdom?
- What questions do you have about God's kingdom?



ACT

Take the time to thank God for the good news, thanking Him for his kingdom, his reign, his rule, and our invitation to be part of it.



PRAY

God's kingdom isn't about eating and drinking. It is about pleasing God, about living in peace, and about true happiness. All this comes from the Holy Spirit.

Romans 14:17

God, thank You for the kingdom you have created. Help us to relate to you as king, be kingdom people, and understand your kingdom plans. In Jesus name. Amen.



DIG DEEPER

Have a read of Luke 18:15-17.

What does this passage reveal about...

GOD'S KINGDOM?

GOD'S RULE?

OUR PLACE IN GOD'S KINGDOM?

WHAT IS VALUED IN THE KINGDOM?

THE GOSPEL IS A RELATIONSHIP



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We are relational beings, and our lives are shaped by the relationships we form.

The most important relationship, the core relationship we are made for, is a relationship with God. The Bible, God's story, is full of images of God's desire for relationship with the people He has created.

In this session we are going to take the time to learn more about God's story, the Gospel, is an invitation into relationship.



PRAY

Think how much the Father loves us. He loves us so much that he lets us be called his children, as we truly are.

1 JOHN 3:1

God, thank You that You want relationship with us. Help us know it, know You, and understand our place in it. In Jesus name. Amen.



SHARE

What do you think a relationship with God looks like?



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EXPLORE

Let's have a look together about what the Bible says about
the Gospel as relationship.

Read each of the passages below and see what these
aspects of God's story reveal about God, and how he
shapes relationships.

John 15:1-8

What does it reveal about God?

What does it reveal about His design for relationship?

1 John 4:7-21

What does it reveal about God?

What does it reveal about His design for relationship?

Romans 8:14-17

What does it reveal about God?

What does it reveal about His design for relationship?

John 10:11-15

What does it reveal about God?

What does it reveal about His design for relationship?



TALK

Using what you have learned, and what you understand, discuss together these questions...

- What image about our relationship to God stands out to you?

- What surprises you about the relationship that followers of Jesus have with God?
- What impact does God's relational heart have on how we read the Bible?



ACT

Take the time to thank God for the invitation to be in relationship with him, thanking Him for the nature of that relationship.



PRAY

Think how much the Father loves us. He loves us so much that he lets us be called his children, as we truly are.

1 JOHN 3:1

God, thank You for inviting us into relationship with you.
Help us know and grow into the fullness of that relationship.
In Jesus name. Amen.



DIG DEEPER

Have a read of Philippians 3:20-21.

What does it reveal about the nature of a disciple's relationship with God?

