



Life Practices  
Engaging the World with the Gospel  
#10: His Story

**Our Kingdom Assignment**

Matt. 28:18-20: "Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'"

The assignment: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Mark 16:15 "And He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.'"

The assignment: \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

**We Accomplish Our Assignment by Sharing the GOSPEL**

The Term: EUANGELION

It means \_\_\_\_\_ and appears 76 times in the scriptures.

In the OT: it was an announcement of a good message (Isa. 52:7)

In the NT:

1. The term refers to the biographical accounts of the life of Jesus, the gospels
2. Early on, the term, GOSPEL (good news) was linked to the broader "kingdom of God." See Mark 1:14-15
3. In the epistles, the term specifically focuses on Jesus and what He had accomplished.

A good definition might be: "The Gospel is the good news that God has sent His Son Jesus Christ into the world in order to reconcile Creator to creation, which will renew all things and He has done all this through Jesus' perfect sinless life, bloody atoning death on the cross and subsequent resurrection from the dead." (Ed Stetzer)

The GOSPEL is ONE story: \_\_\_\_\_. The Bible is not fundamentally about \_\_\_\_\_. It is His Story.



Too often, we reduce the GOSPEL to “God, man, Christ, response.” The GOSPEL is not a simple transactional exchange that is predicated on men and women. The GOSPEL is “a much bigger story than just how you are impacted personally.” (Randy Murphy)

God has a plan to rescue His people from sin through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is His story laid out in the scriptures. See II Cor. 5:14-19, Titus 2:11-14.

### **The Rescue Plan:**

While there is ONE dominant Story, there are four parts to the drama that unfolds throughout the 66 books of the Bible.

#### **1. Creation- Gen. 1-2**

The key question: \_\_\_\_\_

God created man in His own image. He had a plan for the fellowship He intended to have with His creation. We were created for Him. \_\_\_\_\_

#### **2. The Fall- Gen. 3**

The key question: \_\_\_\_\_

The intended harmony was broken at the fall. Free will gave Adam and Eve a choice and they chose selfishness and disobeyed God. They wanted to live life on their own terms. We are all sinners both by \_\_\_\_\_ and by \_\_\_\_\_.

That rebellion has left all of creation (mankind, nature, our world) \_\_\_\_\_. See Rom. 3:10-23, 5:5-10, 6:23.

#### **3. Redemption- Gen. 3:15, Rev. 20**

The key question: \_\_\_\_\_

God is just and holy. He demands punishment for the violation of His will (sin). See Deut. 32:4 and Ezek. 18:4. But He is also loving. And He created a plan to save sinful people from the punishment of eternal separation (hell). See Eph. 2:4-5 and John 3:16.



He sent His son, His one and only Son to live a sinless life, and offer Himself as the completed sacrifice for all sinners. Our redemption rests in His finished work on the cross. See Titus 3:4-6.

When we respond in simple faith (repentance by grace through faith) to the GOSPEL, our sins are forgiven, and our salvation is sealed as the Holy Spirit comes to live inside each believer. See Eph. 1:13-14.

We were dead, now alive. We were condemned, now accepted. We were alienated, now adopted as His children. See Gal. 4:7.

And as part of that redemptive process, He has placed us into His body, the church. We are now His people! See I Pet. 2:9-10

But HIS story does not end at our individual salvation. The story of redemption does not end with us.

#### 4. New Creation- Rev. 21-22

The key question: \_\_\_\_\_.

Note how Paul describes the scope of His NEW Creation in \_\_\_\_\_. All things will be restored back to His original intention.

The GOSPEL is the story of God revealing Himself and all of His glory. We join in His story when we put our trust in Him, live for Him, put Him on display through our changed lives. We are His people, living for His glory.

We have been given a \_\_\_\_\_ (I Tim. 1:11). There is a compulsion \_\_\_\_\_ (I Cor. 9:16).

With \_\_\_\_\_ let's engage our world with His story! (Eph. 6:19).



**For the Over Achiever:**

1. Memorize I Pet. 2:9-10
2. Write out HIS STORY in your own words. Make sure that the story flows through the four parts of the GOSPEL.

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