

**Priority: Gospel**

March 1, 2020

**Reading/Group Discussion**

- When was a time you received really good news? What was it?
- How did this sermon deepen your faith? How did it challenge you? Explain.
- What resonated with you the most from this sermon? Explain.
- When you were growing up, what did the term “gospel” mean to you? What does it mean to you now after hearing Dan’s message?
- How does knowing Jesus perfectly fulfills every Old Testament promise made about the Messiah strengthen your confidence in Jesus’ identity?
- Dan said Jesus is the focus of the gospel and highlighted Jesus’ miracles, mercy, message, and majesty. Which of those aspects of Jesus stood out most to you and why?
- The implication of the gospel is that we are to bring Jesus our complete and total obedience, not just declaring him Lord, but following his teaching and example. How are you striving to do that presently? What is a practical example of following Jesus’ Lordship in your life in the past? What is a practical example of where you are currently pursuing Jesus’ Lordship in your life?
- Has the reality that Jesus is Lord actually changed something in your life or is it just something you say with words? If so, what has changed? If not, why?
- **Romans 1:16** says the gospel is the power of God for the salvation of all who believe. Spend some time talking about one specific person you would like to respond to the gospel, and then pray together for those people.
- How does this passage, sermon, or daily work challenge you to live differently?

**Encouragement**

- What do you sense God doing in you that you need to respond to?
- What do you sense God doing around you that you think he is inviting you into?
- What do you sense God doing through you that you need courage for?

**Accountability**

*At this time, the group may want to split into smaller, gendered groups.*

- Who are you in God's eyes? Who are you in the eyes of this group?
- What has your time in God's Word and prayer been like this week?
- What have you learned about discipleship this week?
- How have you loved God and loved others this week?
- Who are you trying to connect to Jesus?
- Where have you wrestled with temptation this week?
- What strongholds have you wrestled with this week?

### **Practice:**

This week, consider getting out a piece of paper and tangibly listing out the reasons why the announcement that "Jesus is Lord" is in fact good news. Then, consider how that announcement affects and is affecting your story by mapping out your life into buckets (i.e. family, work, social life, hobbies, finances, etc.) and by prayerfully reflecting on where you are adhering to Jesus' lordship well in each of those areas and where there still may be room for growth.

### **Looking ahead:**

Sunday, April 19, we're canceling regular services at The Creek to get out into our community and love our neighbors in a tangible way. As a part of **Serve Day**, we're praying 2,000 people will take on practical projects, and hopefully through these acts of service, people's hearts will be opened to the love of Jesus.

Our hope is that life groups will choose to participate in Serve Day through DIY projects so they are able to invest in relationships they've already established.

Be sure to check out [thecreek.serveday.com](http://thecreek.serveday.com) for more information and ideas, but for now, begin **talking** and **praying** with your group about how you might be able to engage in The Creek's very first Serve Day.