



Loving Jesus, Loving People, Plowing a Counter-Culture

SERMON TEXT: Acts 8

MAIN POINT: Jesus alone has conquered sin and death by His atoning work on the cross, and anyone who accepts His free gift of salvation can have eternal life in Jesus’ name.

GETTING STARTED:

[1] What was most memorable to you this week at our baptism service? Was there a particular testimony that resounded with you

EXPLORATION:

[1] “What did your life look like before you were a Christian?”

[2] “How did you come to know Christ, and when did you make a decision to submit your life to Jesus and accept His gift of salvation?”

[3] “What does your life look like since accepting Christ as Lord?”

[4] If you’re just exploring who Jesus is, what is it about Christ that has brought you here? What questions are you still asking about the truth of the Gospel?

APPLICATION:

[1] What is the Gospel? What are the essential truths that we must understand to truly understand the Gospel?

[2] What does it look like, in your opinion, to effectively share the Gospel with someone in our culture? Does that change at all from person to person?

[3] Which bible verses have you memorized to help you share and explain the Gospel to someone?

[4] Who, right now, do you most wish to share the loving truths of the Gospel with? When are you going to do that this week?

GOING DEEPER:

Explaining the Gospel

Take a moment to write out the truth of the Gospel this week. See if you can explain it to someone in less than 30 seconds!

My Testimony

Use the back of this sheet to write down your own journey to Christ. Here are 3 important questions to consider:

1. What was your life like before you knew about the love of Christ?
2. How did you become a Christian? Who shared the Gospel with you and how did you receive it?
3. How has your life changed since becoming a Christian?

For Parents

Explain your testimony to your kids this week. Your story is a very powerful tool to teach the truths of God to your children. Share yours with them this week, and be sure to articulate the Gospel clearly for them to see.

PLOWS Challenge: *We believe that discipleship is life-long, ongoing and organic. Much of discipleship is based on developing the ongoing habits of a disciple of Christ. Here at Emergence, we aim to commit ourselves to the following disciplines in our walk toward Christ:*

- P** – Praying daily for Gospel opportunity
- L** – Listening to the Word of God
- O** – Openness toward others
- W** – Works of Love
- S** – Sharing your story