

Partners 1on1 Discipleship: The Gospel

The Background

God is our Creator

Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

God is Holy

1 Peter 1:15-16

but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; because it is written, "YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY."

God is Just

2 Thessalonians 1:8-9

dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power

God is Loving

1 John 4:8

The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

The Bad News

We are Sinful and Separated from God

Isaiah 59:2

But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, And your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear.

Romans 3:23

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

We Deserve God's Punishment

Romans 2:5

because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God,

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death...

The Good News

Jesus is God

Philippians 2:6-7

who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.

He Lived and Died as Our Substitute

2 Corinthians 5:21

He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

He Conquered Death for Us

1 Corinthians 15:17

if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins.

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures

Repentance

To repent is to turn from your sin – ending a life lived for yourself and by your standards.

2 Corinthians 5:15

He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.

To repent is to turn to God – beginning a life of living for God and by his standards.

1 Thessalonians 1:9

...you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God,

Faith

To have faith in Christ is to trust in his righteousness and not your own to make you right with God.

Philippians 3:9

(how a person) may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith,

To have faith in Christ is to trust in his payment for your sins on the cross to make you right with God

1 Corinthians 15:3

...Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures