

Message Series: MOVEMENT – Following Jesus into the Harvest (9-18-16)

# WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

## I. WHY MAKE DISCIPLES?

The majority of believers don't share their faith and make disciples because:

#1 They don't know that they're supposed to (Why? Our Identity as Ambassadors of Christ)

#2 We don't know what to say (What is our Message?)

#3 We don't know who to share with (Who are we called to reach? Our Ministry – the people in our lives)

## II. REVIEW FROM LAST WEEK: WHY DO WE MAKE DISCIPLES? 3 KEY TRUTHS IN 2 COR. 5:17-21

A. What happened? If you're in Christ, you're new (v. 17)

B. How this happened?: Jesus' Exchange (v. 21)

1. Our sin was passed on to Jesus on the cross.
2. His righteousness was credited to us.

C. Why did this happen? God is on a mission to reconcile the world to Himself (v. 18-20). I am an Ambassador of Christ.

1. I have a Ministry: Who I'm called to reach (the people in my life)
2. I have a Message: What (the Gospel, the message of reconciliation)

1. WHY? - 2 COR. 5:17-21



V17: NEW

V21: JESUS' EXCHANGE



V18-20: AMBASSADOR

- MINISTRY - WHO?  
- MESSAGE - WHAT?

### III. THE GOSPEL (GOOD NEWS)

- A. In its most basic expression, the Gospel is the Good News of Jesus' death for our sin, burial, and resurrection.

*<sup>1</sup> Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, <sup>2</sup> by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.*

*<sup>3</sup> For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, (1 Corinthians 15:1-4; Rom. 1:16-17)*

- B. The Gospel message requires a response: repentance and faith. To repent means to turn or to change your mind. To change your purpose, change the direction of your life. It's not simply adding a little bit of God to my life. "I tried it my way and it did not bring me peace and joy. That was bad news. I'm done with that. I'm so glad there's another way of living."

*And saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." (Mark 1:15)*

### IV. 3 CIRCLES – GOSPEL PRESENTATION TOOL

Here's a video of a Gospel Presentation using the 3 Circles Tool:

<https://youtu.be/ZF75A3WX7FQ>

3 follow-up Questions:

1. Which of these circles would you say you're in – in brokenness or in God's design?
2. Where would you like to be?
3. Is there anything that's keeping you from turning and believing in Jesus and making Him the boss of your life today?