

# The Power of the Gospel October 15, 2023

#### Mark 16:15-20

- 15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.
- 16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.
- 17 And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;
- 18 they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."
- 19 So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God.
- 20 And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

The Lord Jesus commissioned us to go into "all the world" (or "nations" in Matthew 28:19) referring to all "ethne" or ethnic groups — this includes all nations, all communities, all spheres of society, every where and share the Gospel to every individual. He instructed us to do this with accompanying supernatural signs in His name.

We as believers are challenged to do this in our day and time.

Conditions are challenging, but God is able to help us as we obey His commission.

We are to share the Gospel.

The Gospel message is about what Jesus did for every person on the Cross through His death and resurrection. The message is simple. And it is this simple message of the Gospel that we are to communicate to others.

We want to remind us that that power is in the Gospel message itself.

### **1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

- 18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.
- 19 For it is written: "I WILL DESTROY THE WISDOM OF THE WISE, AND BRING TO NOTHING THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE PRUDENT."

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20 Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?

21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.

22 For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom;

23 but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness,

24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

26 For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called.

27 But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty;

28 and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are,

29 that no flesh should glory in His presence.

30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption—

31 that, as it is written, "HE WHO GLORIES, LET HIM GLORY IN THE LORD."

Let's highlight and elaborate on the key points in this passage:

The Gospel is the message of the Cross.

Vs 22-23: To the Jews (those seeking something supernatural) and the Greek (those seeking something intellectual), we bring the same message – the Gospel.

Vs 23-24: The message of the Cross may seem foolishness to some, but it is the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Vs 27-31: As bearers of this Gospel message, we may appear "foolish", "weak", "base" (worthless) and "despised" (rejected). But God uses us to display His glory!

So regardless of where we are, we need to share Jesus with people.



The message of Jesus gives people an opportunity to encounter the wisdom and power of God.

#### **Romans 1:16**

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

Like the apostle Paul can we be unashamed of the message of Jesus Christ knowing through this message people will experience God's power for salvation.

#### Matthew 5:13-16

- 13 "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.
- 14 "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.
- 15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.
- 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

As salt and light we are here to influence and impact the world around us.

We are to let our light shine through what we do – through our lives – and point people to Jesus through the message we share.

#### Romans 10:13-17

13 For "WHOEVER CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD SHALL BE SAVED."

- 14 How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?
- 15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO PREACH THE GOSPEL OF PEACE, WHO BRING GLAD TIDINGS OF GOOD THINGS!"
- 16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "LORD, WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR REPORT?"
- 17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

There is a responsibility we carry to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



Let each of us be stirred up in our zeal for sharing the Gospel. Look for ways to be salt and light where we are. And then point people to the Lord Jesus through the message we share.

**SUMMARY** 

**GOSPEL AND SALVATION CALL** 

**SUPERNATURAL MINISTRY TIME** 

Minister as the Spirit leads





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The is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

### **Preparation**

To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon Key Points (sermon summary in five minutes) or the full-length Sunday sermon. You can also review the Sunday Sermon notes. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at our sermons page. Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

#### Welcome

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship, and a fun activity.

#### **LISTEN to God's Word**

Read the following Scripture references: *Mark 16:15-20; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Romans 1:16; Matthew 5:13-16* 

## **INVESTIGATE God's Word Together**

Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

- A, What is the Gospel? When we share the message of the Gospel, what are the key points we should present to someone?
- B, The Gospel message about the Cross of Jesus brings the wisdom of God and the power of God to people. Discuss how this builds our confidence in presenting the simple Gospel message.

C, Each of us are in different contexts/situations in life. In our individual context, please consider some practical ways to be "salt and light" and how you can point people to Jesus by sharing the Gospel message.

D, How do we include doing signs and wonders in Jesus name as we present the Gospel? Why is this important?

If time permits, each one can take a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key learning and how they see themselves applying it into their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

### FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

### **ENCOURAGE** each other by praying and ministering to one another

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

### Regroup and pray together for:

- 1, families to be protected and strengthened
- 2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.
- 3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project for God's hand to guide us through the land search and acquisition process, and for finances to be more than enough to get this project done.

Close by thanking God together.



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#### **SERMON OUTLINE**

This sermon is a reminder of the power of the Gospel and our commission to proclaim the message to those around us in the authority of Jesus name.

### **KEYWORDS**

Gospel, the power of the Gospel, sermon, sermons, sermon notes, sermon outline, free sermon notes, free sermon outlines, Bible study resources

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