

## Suggested Resources

Below is a list of resources that will help you dig deeper into the topic preached about this morning:

N.T. Wright - *Simply Good News: Why the Gospel is News and What Makes It Good* (this week's "Pastor's Pick")

Randy Alcorn - *Heaven*

Greg Boyd - *Present Perfect*

Bill Johnson - *When Heaven Invades Earth*

Rick Warren - *The Purpose Driven Life*

John MacArthur - *The Gospel According to Jesus*

Matt Chandler - *The Explicit Gospel*

## Suggested Bibles

We teach from the Bible on Sundays and encourage you to read the Bible throughout the week. Here are a few recommended versions of it:

### Quest Study Bible

"The Question and Answer Bible."

### CSB Study Bible

The CSB Study Bible offers the award-winning Holman study system, which includes over 16,000 study notes, tools, word studies, and articles from respected Bible scholars.

### Teen Life Application Study Bible

includes sections explaining what the Bible has to say about the questions and issues teens face in the *Choices*, *I Wonder*, *Ultimate Issues*, and *My Story* features.

### Kids Quest Study Bible

contains over 500 questions that kids ask, "Quest Challenges" to help you apply what you read and more!

**Plus...** be sure to stop by the Info Table in our lobby and pick up a FREE copy of our Bible Reading Plan... as well as a FREE Bible!

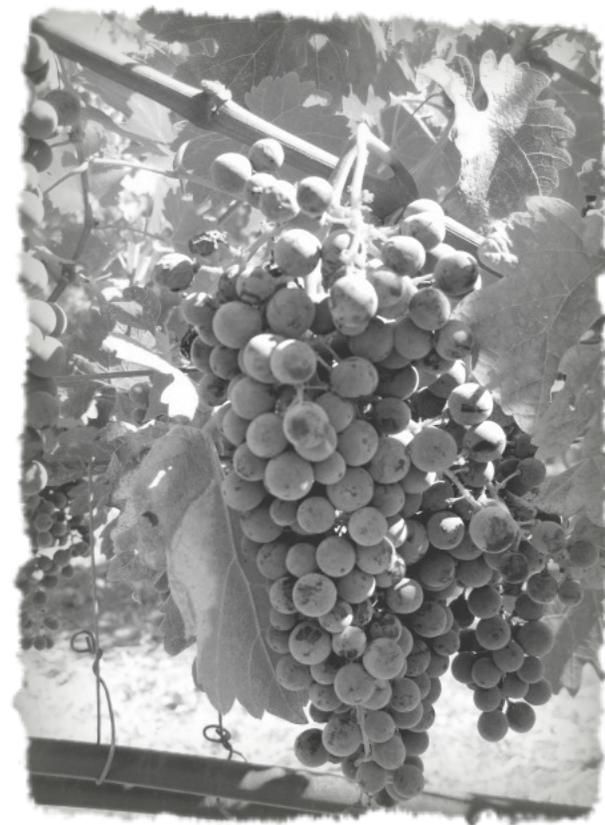
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## Why the Gospel is NEWS... and What Makes it GOOD

Week 1 of Series: On Your "Mark"

September 10, 2017

**We want people to encounter God on Sundays and not just "go to church." That is why today's 75-minute service will include an in-depth Bible teaching, communion, worship (feel free to stand or sit as we sing), and an opportunity to receive 1-on-1 prayer.**

# Why the Gospel is NEWS... and What Makes It GOOD

(Dan Kopp - lead pastor of The Eastside Vineyard Church)

Notes:

## Digging Deeper Questions

*In our fast-paced culture, it's easy to be impacted by the sermon you hear at church on Sunday... only to forget about it by Monday. To make this message "stick" we created these Digging Deeper Questions so you can process and apply what you heard at church. Take some time this week to go through these questions by yourself, in your small group, with a friend, your family, or your roommate.*

1. Icebreaker: Did you ever move to a new house or apartment and then accidentally drove "home" to the previous location? How about coming to church on September 10th—did you drive to Wiley Elementary instead of Evanswood? Have fun with these questions!
2. Is there anything you heard in this week's sermon or experienced in this week's service that was an "a ha" moment, something significant for you?
3. We all love to hear good news, don't we? What are a few examples of good news you have received back when you were a child, a teen, or more recently? For example, the news could be finding out that you got the job, that you made the team, that your family tree was expanding, or something else altogether.
4. Read Mark 1:1. Prior to today's sermon, if someone asked you to define the "gospel," how would you have answered him or her? What about now?
5. In *Simply Good News*, N.T. Wright writes, "In many churches, the good *news* has subtly changed into good *advice*: Here's how to live. Here's how to pray. Here are techniques for helping you become a better Christian or a better person. And in particular, here's how to make sure you're on the right track for what happens after death . . . All of this is advice, not news. Now, there's nothing wrong with good advice. We all need it. But it isn't the same thing as news. News is an announcement that something significant has happened."
  - What are your thoughts on this quote?
  - On your spiritual journey, would you say you have heard the gospel more as good *news* or good *advice*? Give some examples.
6. One definition of *good news* is "something you want to shout across the street." When it comes to the gospel, why don't more Christians (you?) live out that definition? (Not to literally shout at people about Jesus, but to share the good news about Jesus with passion and enthusiasm?).
7. Which aspects of the good news of the gospel do you resonate with the most?
  - the Gospel is "Good News" that death is not the end (see John 11:25-26)
  - the Gospel is "Good News" that we are set free from the slavery of sin (see Galatians 5:1).
  - the Gospel is "Good News" that the enemy has been defeated (see Colossians 2:15)
  - the Gospel is "Good News" that the Kingdom of God has come (see Matthew 12:28)
  - the gospel "Good News" that we have a new family (see Mark 3:31-35)
  - the Gospel is "Good News" that God still heals today (see Psalm 103:2-3)
  - the Gospel is "Good News" that we have peace with God (see Romans 5:1-2)
  - the Gospel is "Good News" that our lives have a purpose (see Jeremiah 29:11)

**Key Passage:**

*The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.*

- Mark 1:1 (CSB)