

Suggested Resources

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

- James Choung - *True Story: A Christianity Worth Believing* (this week's "Pastor's Pick")
- David Platt - *Radical: Taking Back Your Faith from the American Dream*
- Erwin McManus - *Chasing Daylight: Seize the Power of Every Moment*
- John Wimber - *Power Evangelism*
- N. T. Wright - *Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church*

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!

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Honey I Shrank the Gospel

Week 5 of Series: On Your "Mark"

October 8, 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.

Honey I Shrunk the Gospel

(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: Today's sermon title was inspired by the kid's movie *Honey, I Shrunk the Kids!* starring Rick Moranis. What are some of your all-time favorite children's movies? Have fun with this question!

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. When you think of "the gospel" do you tend to think all that really matters is believing in Jesus and accepting His death on the cross as payment for your sins...while doing something like serving the poor is nothing more than "extra credit"? Why or why not?

4. Read Mark 1:14-15. That is the gospel – the good news -- according to Jesus: "Now is the time. The Kingdom of God is near." It's all about the Kingdom of God breaking into our world. Barry Long, senior pastor of Vineyard Christian Church in Florence, Kentucky, defines the "Kingdom of God" as this: *The Kingdom of God is God's rule breaking into this world in Jesus and fleshed out by the church in the power of the Holy Spirit. Announcements of the Kingdom of God include the healing of our broken relationship with God, healing of poverty, healing of racism, healing of sexism, healing from demons, the healing of flawed theology about God, healing of sexuality, healing of bodies, healing of relationships, healing of injustice, healing of lack of self worth, and the healing of our environment. The Kingdom of God will be consummated when Christ returns creating a new heaven and new earth. And everything will be put to rights.* What parts of this definition do you resonate with the most? Explain.

5. Read Ephesians 2:10. Keeping your answers to the previous question in mind, if money was not an issue and you knew you wouldn't fail, what would you want to do for God? In other words, what aspect(s) of the Kingdom of God would you want to come more fully on Earth? [Note: really think about this before you answer. Dream big dreams!!]

6. Read Mark 1:16-18. Every journey begins with a first step. What are some baby steps you could take this week to take your answers from the previous question and begin to turn them into reality? Be specific!

7. In *Chasing Daylight*, Erwin McManus writes, "It begins by realizing that God has already told us so much about His will for us that we could spend the rest of our lives simply fulfilling what is already revealed. Do what you know you should do, and you will know what to do. It is fair to say that God informs us on a need-to-know basis. The Scriptures give us what we all need to know, and Jesus promises us that His Spirit will lead us if we will follow Him." What are your thoughts on McManus' perspective? What are some commands from God in the Scriptures that you could begin doing today, even if they may not be your lifelong calling?

Key Passage:

After John was arrested, Jesus went to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" - Mark 1:14-15 (CSB)