

## TELL THE JESUS STORY WELL – PART I

### “What is the Gospel”

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If somebody asked you to explain what the gospel is, could you present them with a clear, articulate, understandable presentation of the good news? Jesus’ followers are responsible to share the good news about Jesus with precision. This morning pastor Bruce begins a new series titled “Tell The Jesus Story Well.” The first message in this series offers a basic gospel presentation.

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#### 1. THE GOSPEL ADDRESSES THE PROBLEM OF HUMANITY – \_\_\_\_\_ FRACTURED OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

- A. Sin separates us from God, Gen 2:17
- B. Sin has corrupted human behavior, Rom 3:23, Gal 5:16
- C. Sin makes us guilty before God – condemnation, Rom 5:18
- D. Sin positions us to receive God’s wrath, Ro 2:5-8, Eph 2:3

#### APPLICATION POINTS

- ♣ Sin puts us in a \_\_\_\_\_ condition – that’s the bad news
- ♣ Sin is a concept the world \_\_\_\_\_ as the problem with humanity

#### 2. THE GOSPEL ADDRESSES THE SOLUTION TO SIN – JESUS’ \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Jesus is the only way to the Father, John 14:6
- B. Jesus’ death paid the penalty for our sin (*hilastérion*), Rom 3:25, Heb 9:5
  - 1. Atonement: \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2. Expiation: \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3. Propitiation: \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Jesus death satisfied God’s justice, Ro 3:25
- D. Jesus was raised from the dead, Ro 4:25, 1 Cor 15:12-19

#### APPLICATION POINT

- ♣ All attempts to gain God’s favor outside of Jesus’ death are \_\_\_\_\_

#### 3. THE GOSPEL ADDRESSES HOW WE CAN BE FORGIVEN OF OUR SINS AND LIVE A NEW LIFE – \_\_\_\_\_ IN JESUS

- A. You must believe & repent, John 1:12-13, Acts 2:38
- B. You are born again by faith, John 3:3 & 5, 16, Titus 3:5
- C. You are a new creation, 2 Cor 5:17
- D. You receive eternal life, John 3:16

#### APPLICATION POINT

- ♣ Don’t stop the presentation here

#### 4. THE GOSPEL ADDRESSES THE LIFE-LONG JOURNEY BELIEVERS LIVE WITH JESUS – \_\_\_\_\_

- A. We begin the journey of transformation, Gal 5:22, 1 Pet 2:2
- B. We are part of the family of God, 1 Pet 4:17
- C. We live the Spirit-filled life, Eph 5:18
- D. We live “on mission” for Jesus, Mat 28:19-20, 2 Cor 5:20

#### NOTES:

**ANSWERS:** Sin, Hopeless, Rejects, Death & Resurrection, Reconciliation, Removal of guilt, Appeasement, Fruitless, Faith, To Become Like Him.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why is it important for every believer to be able to share the gospel accurately?
2. What does the Bible say is the problem with humanity is sin. What are some of the solutions that the world presents to solve the woes of humanity?
3. Read Romans 5:12-21 and share you insights about sin.
4. What are some ways in which people try to earn God's favor?
5. What is the substitutionary atonement?
6. Discuss the meaning of the Greed word *hilastérion*.
7. For what reason(s) is the resurrection important to share in a gospel presentation?
8. If somebody were to ask you how to become a follower of Jesus, what would you tell them?
9. Many people end their gospel presentation with: "if you receive Jesus in your heart you will go to heaven when you die." What is missing?
10. What is your takeaway from this teaching?

# Welcome to Hillcrest Church

*Love, Acceptance, Forgiveness*

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one  
and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall  
not perish but have eternal life.*

*John 3:16*

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **TODAY**

Pastor Bruce begins his new teaching series “Telling the Jesus Story Well.” This series will focus on different ways of sharing Jesus with people. In 2023 our primary focus is on reaching out to our community. This teaching will facilitate that objective.

### **ONLINE GATHERINGS ARE CANCELLED THIS WEEK**

Pastors Bruce and Tim are away at a district retreat this week so online ministry will resume the following week. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Prayer Meeting: Tuesday at 7pm

Bible Study: Wednesday at 6:30pm. Go to the online meeting room on our website ([hillcrestRoseville.com](http://hillcrestRoseville.com)) to access the gathering.

### **WINDOW REPLACEMENT – PROJECT “WINDOW 23”**

We are going to replace several of the windows in our facility. The cost is \$5,000, the installation will take place in 8 – 10 weeks. In the meantime, we are beginning a campaign to raise the money to pay for this much needed upgrade. If you would like to give to this project write “window” in the memo of your check, or designate “window” on your offering envelop. Weekly totals will be given in the bulletin. This is not to be in place of your regular offering, it is in addition to it. Thank you for your financial support.

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

Our offering box is in the back of the sanctuary. You can place your tithes and offerings there, or you can visit our website and give online ([hillcrestroseville.com](http://hillcrestroseville.com)).

### **FEBRUARY 5, 2023 – VISION SERVICE**

We are having a special service that will focus on the vision for the new year. You don’t want to miss this!