

THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM

Week 2 - Day 5: Share the Gospel

This week, we have explored the effects of sin that are explained through Genesis 3-11. So many people get tripped up about the idea of sin when having a gospel conversation. But what if even the existence of sin, evil, and suffering could be a tool that points us to God? Check out the video from CS Lewis Doodle and try and follow along with the train of logic. Essentially, if you make the claim that evil exists, you must also admit that good exists alongside it! Then you are admitting that there is a law operating within telling us what *ought* to be; a question that transcends any scientific inquiry! What is the source of that law? Is it us because then that becomes rather subjective?

The existence of evil leads to the beginning of God's pursuit of His kingdom people through Abraham! Our **GOOD NEWS** as Christians is that God did not sit on the sidelines as we suffered! God comes down to us and begins his rescue mission. This story is not about how we accomplish salvation, but how He chooses to make a way!

Share the Gospel Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kcRFYGr1zcg>

Community Group Discussion Questions:

At the end of every week, we will be collecting the 2-3 sentences about sharing the gospel so that you can be equipped with brief summaries that explain how each text moves the gospel message of God's kingdom forward! As always, feel free to come up with questions of your own based on your observations and conversations

Question: What observations / reflections / prayers stood out to you about this week?

The Effects of Sin: Genesis 3 is unique in its acceptance of the raw human experience of evil and suffering and its explanation of the cause and the purpose. However, while we may not have all the answers to explain God's will behind the story of sin, we can find joy in Genesis 3 as it starts to point to the one thing that will give us God-given strength and sustenance in the

midst of our reality of sin and suffering: hope in God's mercy and in the one who would crush the serpent!

Question: How have you reconciled with the existence of sin in your life before you came to faith? How might you approach a gospel conversation differently after reflecting on all that Genesis 1-3 has to say?

Descendants of Adam and Eve: The story of Noah introduces us to a key pattern of the Bible. In the midst of a world of sinners, there seems to be one person who God finds to be faithful towards His promises. God chooses to use this person so that He can set His **kingdom purposes** in motion. As Christians, we are the ones to whom culture should look in order to find one who is faithful and one who is on a mission to bring God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven!

Question: How is God telling you to stand out amidst our current cultural environment?

Tower of Babel: Genesis 11 is the culmination of sin and its effects. Human sin, at its core, is an attempt to replace God's rule, God's people, and God's space in favor of our own rule, our own people, and our own space. Humanity has decided to take the throne.

Question: In what areas of your life are still attempting to make a name for yourself on your own throne rather than trusting God? What are the distinctions between the Tower of Babel and the story of Abraham that you see?

Abraham and His Family: Abraham is called to have faith in God's promise to lead him towards good blessings. Abraham believes in God and God's kingdom restoration plan moves forward through his family. God reveals His glory to His new kingdom family by drawing them back into His rule through a relationship with Him and reestablishing His kingdom land. While God met Abraham and his family marked by sin on a personal level, sin could not stop God from orchestrating events on a cosmic scale to repurpose Abraham's family to spread God's blessing and glory to those who would have faith in God's lordship over their lives.

*Question: In what ways do you envision being used for God's **kingdom purposes**? Answer this by addressing the framework of God's rule, over God's people, in God's space! What are some of the obstacles that hold you back from this vision!*