

## THE GOSPEL THAT SAVES

Equipping a Gospel-Centered Community in the Word of God,  
to Live Out a Gospel-Centered Life Mission to the Glory of God.

### THE PROBLEM: GENESIS 3

Before the Good News comes the Bad News. The Bad News is that we have all become deserving a just punishment, and that is to be separated from God because of our sin.

Ephesians 2.1-3 // Psalm 51.5 // Romans 3.23, 5.10-12 // Isaiah 53.6, 59.2

So...we have a problem...God's Law has been broken, and we are the ones who broke it. Because God is a holy and just Judge, His justice must be served.

**Only God *could* pay back God, because only He is perfect;  
but God *should not* because God didn't break His own Law.**

**Only man *should* pay back God, because man broke God's Law;  
but man *could not* because man is not perfect.**

### THE SOLUTION: REVELATION 5

John 3.16, 17 // Romans 5.8, 6.23 // 2 Corinthians 5.21

**God's Son became God's enemy  
so that God's enemies could become God's sons.**

Jesus came to bring us Good \_\_\_\_\_, NOT good \_\_\_\_\_.

2 Corinthians 5.17-21 // Revelation 21.1-5



## NOTES:

### WANT TO GET CONNECTED?

- **SIGN UP FOR A COMMUNITY GROUP!**  
Our **Community Groups** will be starting in **mid-January**. If you want to get connected to a group of people near your neighborhood, let us know by filling out the **Connection Card**!
- **JOIN THE TEAM!**  
We would love to have you come serve our community with us. Let us know on our **Connection Card** that you want to help!

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### COMMUNITY GROUP SIGN-UPS

We would love for you to be able to get connected with our church family. Our **Community Groups** will launch at the end of the month, but fill out a **Connection Card** today to get the ball rolling!

### CONNECT ONLINE

If you would like to keep up with what's going on, make sure to visit us online in these various ways:

- **Our Blog:**  
Go to [www.lifemissionchurch.com](http://www.lifemissionchurch.com) to keep up with articles, events, photos, and other fun updates.
- **Facebook:**  
"Like" us at our page by going to Facebook.com/LifeMissionChurch for daily updates and fun.
- **Twitter:**  
You can also follow us on Twitter for daily tweets. Follow @YourLifeMission.

### KIDS ON MISSION

Please log on to check out [www.lifemissionchurch.com](http://www.lifemissionchurch.com) and click "Kids" at the top to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart and his walk through of our curriculum.



## SAVE.

Jesus was sent to save. We have been saved to send. We are sent into our community to share the Good News that Christ came to save us, and we hope to see many who find new life.

## EQUIP.

We want to equip those very people in the Word so that they can continue to grow as disciples of Christ. From our preschool to our adults, our passion is to see everyone equipped in the Gospel to live a life of freedom and joy.

## SEND.

Lastly, we then want to see those equipped people sent into their community and world. From school and playgrounds, to families and work places, we want to see people who are spiritual leaders in their life, showing people the truth of Christ's Good News.

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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

What stuck out to you the most or was the most impactful from the message on Sunday? \_\_\_\_\_

Read through **Ephesians 2.1-3, Psalm 51.5, Romans 3.10-12, and Isaiah 59.2.** Be honest, how "literal" do you think these Scriptures are? Do you *really* believe these? Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_

If these Scriptures are true, that "no one is good," we were dead" and "were by nature children of wrath," and are God's "enemies" (**Colossians 1.21** (NIV)), what prospect does that leave us to be saved? In other words, if in our nature we are spiritually dead, lifeless, and are God's enemies, how do we all of a sudden just become His children? Do we just...make it so? Or just...change? Or is there something more? \_\_\_\_\_

Read **John 1.11-13, 1 Peter 1.3, 23-25, John 15.16, and Ephesians 2.4-8.** Who here takes the initiative in our salvation? \_\_\_\_\_

Why must God be the One who makes the initiative, rather than us? \_\_\_\_\_

In a human situation, if someone offends another person, the person who committed the wrong can't just choose to be forgiven. The person who was offended or hurt must be the one who offers forgiveness. That person has the right to be able to forgive or issue a "payback" amount to correct the wrong. In **Romans 3.23**, we see that the "wage," or "payment" for sin is death (just as God promised/warned in **Genesis 2.16, 17**). Man can't just choose to be forgiven of the debt; and God can't just look the other way. He must keep His Word: sin must be punished by death. In the court of law, a suspect on trial can't just choose to be found not guilty, it is only the judge that can do that.

Read **Romans 5.8-10** and **1 John 4.19**. It's important to note that before we were saved, we were enemies of God, we were (willfully) separated from Him, and we were children of wrath. We did not love Him first, and because of that He then decided to love us back. No, God first loved us *while we were His sinful enemies!* *Before* we loved Him! It is only once He makes us alive and causes us to be born again and adopts us as His own that we see Him and love Him back.

How does all of this change or add to your view of who you are, who God is, and what He has done for your salvation? \_\_\_\_\_