

Gospel Part two: What is the Gospel?

May 1, 2022

John 7:37-38



This morning we kicked off the second part of our Gospel series by asking the question what is the gospel? The gospel is more than just a prayer to pray, it's more than just the fact we get to go to heaven. The gospel is the story of God from start to finish; and it is for anyone and everyone, all of the time.

Getting Started

On Sunday we talked a lot about thirst. What was the time in your life that you were the most thirsty?

Read

John 7:37-38

Digging Deeper

- In the text above, Jesus offers water and new life. The only thing he asks of us to receive the rivers of living water is thirst. What stands out to you about this or anything else in the passage read for Sunday?
- Austin walked through several passages and some of the different ways we might relate to those passages (listed below). Read this aloud and reflect together. Which one did you resonate with most? Which spoke to you most clearly?
- We ended the message on Sunday by reflecting on a simple question: Are you thirsty? How did you respond to this on Sunday? If it's helpful for discussion, spend some time reflecting and responding by rating your thirst for Jesus on a scale of 1-10.

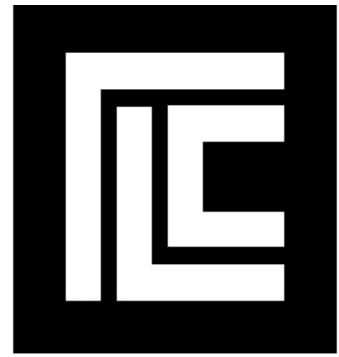


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Exodus 15:27

²⁷ Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs and seventy palm trees, and they camped there near the water.

Jeremiah 2:13

“My people have committed two sins:
They have forsaken me,
the spring of living water,
and have dug their own cisterns,
broken cisterns that cannot hold water.

Psalm 42:1-2

¹ As the deer pants for streams of water,
so my soul pants for you, my God.
² My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
When can I go and meet with God?

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³⁷ On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.”^[a]

John 4:13-14

¹³ Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”



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