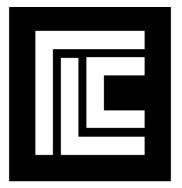
**Gospel Part two: The American Gospel** 

May 8, 2022

Mark 1:14-15



This morning we continued our Gospel series. Toran shared a recap of what the gospel is, and then explored the bankruptcy and emptiness of the "gospels" that our world offers us.

## **Getting Started**

On Sunday about "preaching the gospel" and our aversion to it. How does that phrase make you feel? Has there been a time where you "preached the gospel"? If so, when?

## Read

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## **Digging Deeper**

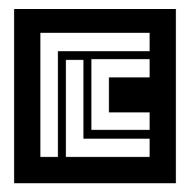
- On Sunday we surveyed several passages to help wrap our heads around what Jesus said his gospel was. Of the four things (listed below) that we gathered, which is most surprising or unfamiliar to you?
- Toran mentioned how many of us find the word "lost" offensive. However, this is actually how Jesus described us and is, in many ways, a generous term. We read a quote from David Foster Wallace about the "lost-ness" of many of our American lives. How did this hit you? Can you relate to this at all?
- We closed our time by reflecting on some of the American Gospels we are offered. Which one have you believed most fundamentally in your life?
  - Gospel of Upward Mobility
  - Gospel of Sex
  - Gospel of Consumption
  - Gospel of Likes (or fitting)



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## What was the gospel Jesus preached...

- 1. The Kingdom of God is here (started but not completed).
- 2. We are supposed to go and make disciples who are baptized into the Kingdom/Family.
- 3. We do this by telling the lost about Jesus and teach them how to obey everything he taught.
- 4. He will return one day to fix all that is broken but until then we are to proclaim the good news that Jesus is King and his Kingdom is available to anyone.

(Mark 1:14-15; Mark 16:15; John 20:21; Acts 1:8; Matthew 28)

