

ENGAGE WEEK DISCUSSION



SPEAKER

CHOOSE PRAYER

GOSPEL S.T.O.R.Y.

SCRIPTURE. TRUE. OUR. REAL. YOU.

The word **Gospel** means **Good News**. It was used to announce good news about a new king. The good news told about the king's message, actions, and victories. The Gospel of Jesus is found in the Bible. It is the Good News of who Jesus is and what He has done. The Gospel story also tells us who we are, why we are broken, and how Jesus is the King who gave His life to rescue us. We are invited to be a part of God's story by trusting and following Jesus.

 <p>SCRIPTURE tells us who Jesus is and what He has done.</p>	<p>Have you ever had someone pray for you? If so, it can be a good feeling to know that someone cares about you. Thousands of years before you were even born, Jesus prayed for you. He prayed that everyone would hear this Gospel story and believe that He was sent by God (John 17:20). But why does it matter that Jesus prayed for you?</p> <p>The Bible tells us the true story about who Jesus is and what He has done. Mark chapter 1 verse 1 tells us exactly who Jesus is: "The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." Mark says clearly that Jesus is the Son of God. We can look to Jesus to know exactly what God is like. The entire story of the Bible is about how Jesus is coming to rescue people from sin, because He is the true King.</p>
 <p>TRUE identity begins with knowing that God created us.</p>	<p>But wait, why do we need to believe in Jesus and be rescued from sin? Let me explain.</p> <p>The story began with God creating all things. He called everything that He made, good. He created humans to know Him and to represent Him on the earth (Genesis 1:27). God created you, knows you, and loves you more than you could ever imagine. He created you to love Him and other people. This is your true identity. God also invited us to talk to Him. This is what we call prayer.</p> <p>Sadly, everything did not remain the way that God created it. Everything became broken.</p>
 <p>OUR lives are broken by sin.</p>	<p>The first humans that God created chose to turn away from Him. They broke their relationship with God. We have all chosen to live our own way, too. We have failed to fulfill God's purpose for our lives to love Him and other people. This is called sin. The Bible says that we have all sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23). Our lives and the world that we know are broken by sin. Because of this brokenness, instead of talking to God in prayer, we often feel alone and isolated from God. We need someone to rescue us and reconnect us to God.</p>
 <p>REAL love is Jesus giving His life for ours.</p>	<p>Jesus came with a message of Good News. He was sent by God to rescue us and restore our relationship with God (Luke 19:10). Jesus never sinned. He perfectly loved God and all people. Jesus showed us real love by giving His life for our sins (1 John 3:16). He died and was buried, but on the third day God raised Him from the dead. He was seen alive by over 500 people (1 Corinthians 15:3-6). He is the true King who rescued us by His love. We can now talk to God any time.</p>
 <p>You are invited into God's story.</p>	<p>Jesus prayed that you would have eternal life by knowing Him (John 17:3). You are invited into God's story. This new life can begin by trusting and following Jesus.</p> <p>If you would like to begin a relationship with God, I would like to invite you to pray with me. PRAY: "God, I believe this Gospel story of Jesus. I know that I am broken. I ask you to forgive me of my sins. I want you to be the King of my life. I choose to trust and follow Jesus today and forever. Amen." (Pass out Student Response Cards while the Host shares Response Time from Part 3.)</p>