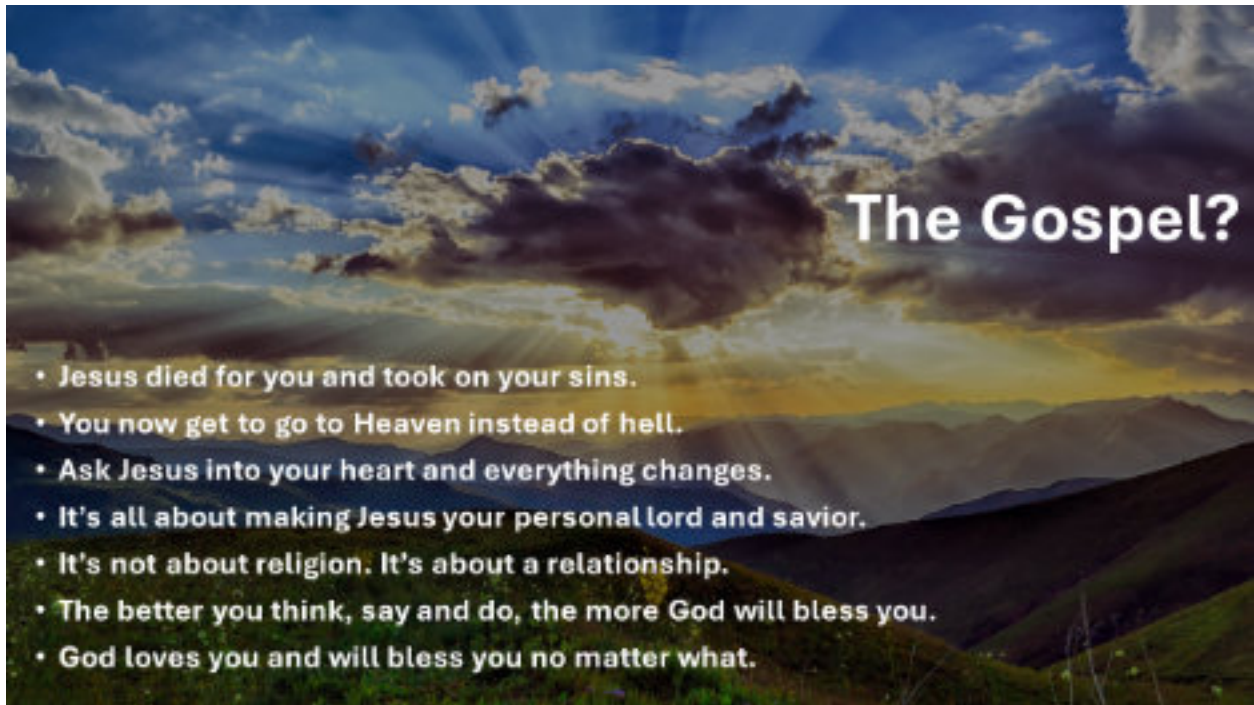




**GET  
USED  
TO  
DIFFERENT**

**Gather  
Celebrate  
Become**

- 1. Worship**
- 2. Teach, Reveal, Impart**
- 3. Discuss**
4. Share a light meal (starting 10/1)

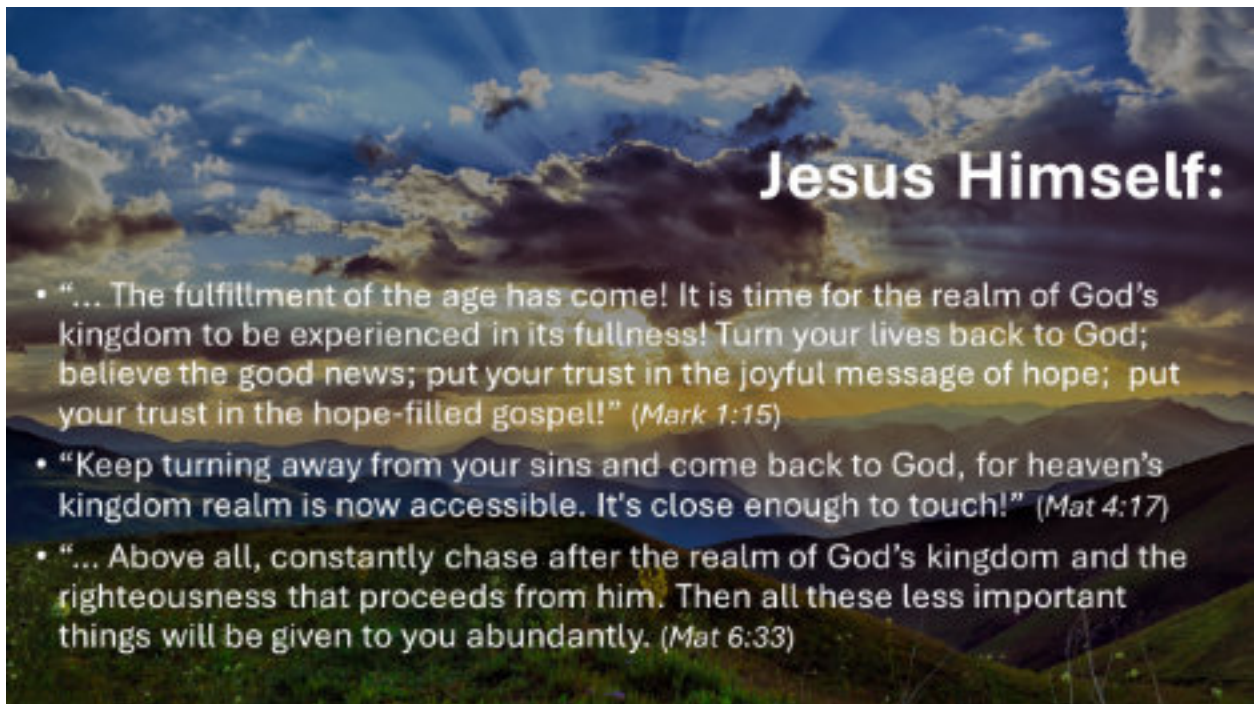






# Good News

God is WAY better than we think He is  
The Gospel is WAY better news than we think it is



## Jesus Himself:

- "... The fulfillment of the age has come! It is time for the realm of God's kingdom to be experienced in its fullness! Turn your lives back to God; believe the good news; put your trust in the joyful message of hope; put your trust in the hope-filled gospel!" (*Mark 1:15*)
- "Keep turning away from your sins and come back to God, for heaven's kingdom realm is now accessible. It's close enough to touch!" (*Mat 4:17*)
- "... Above all, constantly chase after the realm of God's kingdom and the righteousness that proceeds from him. Then all these less important things will be given to you abundantly. (*Mat 6:33*)

## church\* or Kingdom?

- How many times the Old Testament mentions church\*: **0**
- How many times the New Testament mentions church\*: **1** or 2
- How many times the Bible mentions Kingdom of God: **350+**
- How many times Jesus taught on or emphasized church\*: **0**
- Comprehensive list of things Jesus did emphasize when He preached the Gospel: The Father and **THE KINGDOM OF GOD.**

*\*church: An organization consisting of individuals led and governed by a pastor, elders, board, denomination, etc., pursuing initiatives and programs to house, fund and further its mission, culture and growth*

## Questions for table discussion

### **IF**

The kingdom of God is not a matter of rules about food and drink, or observing ceremonies and rituals, or works, or behavior... and it is in the realm of the Holy Spirit and is entered into via the Holy Spirit, and it is filled with righteousness, peace, and joy...\*

*\*Romans 14:17, et al., adapted*

### **THEN**

1. What beliefs, traditions, doctrines of yours might be outdated?
2. How would you define or describe the Kingdom?
3. What do we do? What's the first step?  
(*Hint: See John 3:3, John 3:5, and 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 5:17*)