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## How The Gospel Became The Gospel

Week of March 12, 2017

Colossians 2:13-15

### engage it

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1. **Have you ever known anyone who liked to brag about their accomplishments? Have you ever been guilty of bragging about your own?**
  
2. **Why do we sometimes feel the need to brag about ourselves? What is it about being boastful that we do not like in others? How does grace exclude boasting?**

### unpack it

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3. **Read Lamentations 4:11-17. What is the primary emotion you feel after reading this text? Why?**
  
4. **This lament emphasizes the sins of Judah's leaders. What sin were they guilty of, based on these verses? Where do you see this in our culture?**

- 5. In Lamentations 4:17 we read the people's acknowledgment that they were helpless to save themselves. Can you remember a time when you were out of sync in your relationship with God but didn't know why? How did God lead you to repentance?**
  
- 6. Has God ever used you to lead someone else to repentance? How did He use you? How would you characterize your relationship with Him at that time?**
  
- 7. Read Colossians 2:13-15. How does what God did at the cross compare with what we read about Him doing to Jerusalem in Lamentations?**
  
- 8. What did Jesus' death accomplish for us and for our world?**
  
- 9. Who are the "rulers and authorities" in verse 15? What has Christ done to them?**
  
- 10. How might a greater awareness of Christ's power and authority give you confidence to live for Him and share the Gospel?**

**11. Read 1 Corinthians 15:3-8. How would you summarize the main points of the Gospel in your own words? What emotions come to the surface when you read verses 3-5?**

**12. Why is it important to include Jesus' resurrection when we discuss the Gospel?**

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**13. Which aspect of the Gospel are you most thankful?**

**14. How would you explain God's grace to someone who isn't familiar with God's Word?**

**15. Who do you know who needs to hear about God's grace and what will you do to make that happen?**

