Tonight we begin a new series called the Gospel & You. HUGE THING HERE....DEVOTIONS HAVE already helped us get on this trail.  The thinking is this: (from Monday’s devo) my purpose, identity and worth are found in God. I am who He says I am. I am to do what He’s said to do...This is the best case scenario.  THIS IS THE LAST SERIES really, there’s a plan.

Although this is the plan, that plan got wrecked right from the beginning....didn’t it?  Remember the garden?  BUT GOD....He didn’t leave us in this position of doom. Aimlessly wandering out trying to figure it out.  He provided Hope. That hope became a reality in Christ.  THIS is the Gospel......GOOD NEWS......Here’s the Gospel: God does for us what we never could never do for ourselves.  CRAZY!!!! RIGHT??

And what we’ll see from this series is this....That this Gospel impacts us (it brings us to a right place with God, restored) BUT...Then the Gospel empowers us to make impact in our world. The Gospel does end with your eternity settled.  The Gospel is bigger than that....the Gospel is about God’s glory, so then the Gospel never stops working in our lives.

Look at Titus 3 for a minute.  (we really see this thought behind this thought & this series here)

READ TITUS 3:1-8

vv.1-2 – Paul’s directions to Titus in how the people in the church needed help...what were they to do/be as a result of the gospel.

vv.3 – A reminder of the condition they too were in before the Gospel wrecked their lives.  (sounds like Eph. 2:1-3)

vv. 4-6 – THE GOSPEL – God loved, Jesus Came, He Saved, according to His mercy.

vv.7-9 – SO THAT – The result of the Gospel – We become heirs (what He has, we now have) – and all He’s given is to be used for good works.  WHY?  To display Him, reflect Him, to make impact for His glory.

Now, that’s a really quick summation of what we see going on in these verses....BUT...we should see the flow here...

The Gospel impacts us and then the Gospel uses us for impact in this town and in the World.

Two big points there....if there is a relationship with Jesus we must get this basic understanding.

We must understand the story of The Gospel & You.  (This is a basic thought we must have in order to live the life God has given)

1. We learn the Gospel first impacts me:

   What?  It changes the outlook of my life and my eternity.

   This is good news.

   Simple question – Has your life, your eternity been impacted, for the good, by the Gospel?

   The Gospel can’t be received without it make an impact in your life.  IT’S IMPOSSIBLE.

   This is Colossians 1:13 – from dark to light – it’s a difference, you know something changed (wake up light)

   (WEIRD ILLUSTRATION – YOU KNOW – BEE in a can at golf///OR What happened to you story? NOTHING! Whatever)

   When the good news of Jesus is received there is impact....your life, your eternity is forever changed.  YOU KNOW.

2. The Gospel uses me to impacts others – even the world – this is vv. 7-8.

   This means the Gospel should impact the way I live my life....every detail is now surrendered to and influenced by the Gospel.

   Here’s a problem for us....we don’t see Jesus and the Gospel as a major life changing thing.

   It’s what we do....we get to go to Heaven.  We don’t see the impact of the Gospel going past that.

   So the end result of most followers is they’re confused, struggling.  WHY?  Because they mistake the Gospel for a get out of Hell free card....they use it once and then do the best they can until they get to go to heaven.....

   The problem with that is this:  We struggle with doubt and fail to live out our purpose in and through the Gospel.  (no impact)

   NO GOSPEL IMPACT THAT IS....you’re still impacting things just not for God’s glory or not to it’s full potential.  (What is full potential?)

   When you allow what Christ has done to spill over into everything.  Nothing is reserved...everything is offered to Him.

   It’s why we do what we do when we do all we do  //////////  It’s how we do what we do when we do what we do.

   The Gospel can’t be received without it majorly impacting your life (It changes your destiny, your eternity, your life)

   But then the Gospel impacts you to make impact in this town and in this world.

   The Gospel and You is a series where we better understand how the Gospel impacts our life and uses us for impact.

   We peel back some areas in our lives to ask some tough questions....Does God have everything of me?

   What does that even look like?  We’ll look at Our possessions?  Our talents?  Our mind?  Social Issues?

   What you have, what you can do, how you think and what you see around you.

SIDENOTE:  SO Crucial for you to know the Gospel and live it (SCHOOL THINGS GOING ON....BE SALT AND LIGHT) NO DETAILS

But let’s start here – Questions on the Card and eventually on Instagram

Q1 – Do you know the Gospel?
Q3 – Is there a belief to be lived out?
Q4 – Should the Gospel actually be seen in every part of your life? What say you?

Get this:  This is a basic Christian belief we must have – Salvation comes through what Jesus did for us.  Not our works.  It’s by grace expressed through our faith in Him and then HE does the work through us.

THE GOSPEL AND YOU - The Gospel impacts you and then the Gospel uses you for impact in this town & in this World.

BIG QUESTION OF THIS NIGHT: How have you responded to this Gospel?  WE MUST START THERE