

# FRAMEWORK

## Week 4: Gospel

### A New Sermon Series:

Welcome to our series called Frameworks. Every house or building begins with a frame, the structure that will support and uphold the architecture of a building that is used and lived in by people. The beauty of a house that is seen and witnessed by the surrounding community or the collapse and failure of structure has its beginning in the framing. The same is true of our Christian life. Your beliefs, habits, and practices are built upon a framework of understanding of God, human beings, church, mission, purpose, meaning, ethics, rites, and rituals. These are then lived out in community and relationship with God and one another.

The Frameworks series, which will take us through the end of the year will provide our community a glimpse into **the who** (do we believe in), **the what** (do we believe about God), **the why** (do we believe in God), and **the how** (spirituality, practice, and ethic of our beliefs).

The goal of Frameworks is not exhaustive, but an introduction and an encouragement to take one more step deeper into our understanding and relationships as followers of Jesus impacting the world.

### Message Focus:

**Gospel:** *The apex of the redemption story, Jesus the Christ*

The Passages: John 3:11-17, 1 Corinthians 15:1-8

Secondary Passages: Mark 1:14-15

### The Framework Breakdown:

- This week we cover the importance of the gospel, and there are four books in the New Testament called the gospels. Which are the four books, and which is your favorite? Why is it your favorite gospel? What does that gospel teach you about Jesus that stands out? How many titles are associated with Jesus in the New Testament, why does this matter for the gospel?

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- Jesus is the center of the gospel. Discuss why the gospel is the climax of the redemptive story, and why is it significant for a Christian. How does our understanding of the gospel influence our relationship with God and with our neighbors (broadly speaking)?

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- Without quoting the Bible specifically, define the gospel as if you were having a conversation with another person. In this exercise, take mental notes: are you comfortable, is it difficult or easy, is it complex or clear, or did you draw a blank? Then, ask why or why not? As you feel comfortable, share with each other.

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