



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Discovery 201** – We are excited to hold our next Discovery 201 class on Sunday, 3/26 at 3pm. This class covers Spiritual Maturity. Sign up on the App, Website or by stopping by the Info Center in the Lobby. Contact Rene Snyder at [rsnyder@southwinds.org](mailto:rsnyder@southwinds.org) with questions.
- **International Cafe** – The Tea cart in the Lobby is receiving an International renovation. Come see what our hosting Life Group is doing to share the Indian culture.

## MY STORY

“Maybe you struggle at times, feeling embarrassed about some of Christianity’s theological claims. Think about it. We believe a man named Jesus is the eternal Son of God who became a human being. We believe he lived a sinless life, died on a cross, and somehow paid for the whole world’s salvation. We believe God raised him back to life, that he ascended to heaven in a cloud and is reigning over all things at God’s right hand today. We believe that one day he will split the eastern sky and come back, apparently on a horse. Sounds a little crazy when you say it out loud, right? Some of us wrestle with feeling ashamed of what the Bible teaches about the way we should live, particularly in regards to sexuality.” – **Michael Nolen**

**How has society created shame on Christians today?**

## QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at this week’s teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

## DIGGING DEEPER

**Have A Volunteer Read: Romans 1:8-17, 3:23, Acts 16:14**

**Point #1: Receive the gospel’s power to SAVE FOREVER.**

“From the beginning, Christianity has been mocked and laughed at and called evil. This is why Paul beaten with rods and stoned with rocks and left for dead. He knew how hard it is to openly admit that you’re a Christian, and then to try to persuade others to believe what you believe. Paul will eventually lose his head for this gospel. So here’s the question, how can you and I have that same kind of confidence in the gospel of Jesus, and live our lives not ashamed of the gospel?” – **Michael Nolen**

“Paul is passionate about this gospel. He says in (Romans) 1:9 that I serve God with my spirit in this gospel, he means with everything I have. I am all in. I serve with the deepest part of who I am. I am wholeheartedly devoted to serving God, by holding fast to this gospel and by preaching it. I'm eager to preach it, he says. So Paul, says, I'm not ashamed.” – **Michael Nolen**

**Why is it important for us to receive power from the gospel before we share that we are Christ followers?**

Read -

- the gospel has the power to save us from the **penalty of sin** - the gospel is the only thing that can deal with our guilt.
- gospel also saves us from the **very power of sin** - sin is not just something we do, it's a power within us... that we're not sinners because we sin, we sin because there's something inside us called sin. We are sinners.
- this gospel has the power to save us from **the presence of sin** - One day, because of the gospel, we will be completely sin free, completely free from sin.

**Why does the gospel remind us that we are enough?**

Memory Verse Challenge – Romans 1:16

- For I am not ashamed of the gospel. Why? for (because) it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

**Point #2: Apply the gospel's power to LIVE TODAY. Re-read Romans 1:14**

“What does “I'm a debtor” mean? Think about it. There are 2 ways you can owe a debt. First, you borrowed money from someone, so you owe them. But a second way you might be indebted too, is someone gave you money for someone else and you're supposed to give that money to them. We owe others the life and joy we've received in the gospel.” – **Michael Nolen**

**How does the obligation of a debtor differ between the world's view and the view through the gospel?**

“Let's widen the lens. Our culture is still gripped by racial issues. We cannot seem to deal with them and find reconciliation. The gospel is about God reconciling people to himself and to each other.” – **Michael Nolen**

**Why is reconciliation so difficult without incorporating the gospel into the discussion?**

**APPLICATION**

“So let's not hesitate or procrastinate. If we don't share this good news, people will die.”  
– **Michael Nolen**

**Pray this week for an opportunity to share the good news.**

**PRAISES**

**PRAYER REQUESTS**