

GOSPEL SERIES – PART 3: THE GOOD NEWS PASTOR BRIAN FLEWELLING APRIL 13, 2025

WORSHIP

Begin your group with a time of worship. If someone in your group is able to lead worship, invite them to lead two or three songs. Alternatively, consider using one or more of these songs from our Sunday morning worship time:

- That's Who I Praise (Brandon Lake)
- Holy Forever (Chris Tomlin)
- There Is A King (Elevation Music)

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- Ephesians 1:13-14
- Colossians 1:27, 3:15
- Revelation 21:1-14
- John 8:34, 36

OPENING PRAYER

Begin your session with a prayer, asking God to open your hearts and minds to understand what he is saying through the message of the Good News.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- 1. The gospel is not just about what we're saved from but also what we're saved into.
- 2. The Holy Spirit is a seal and deposit, guaranteeing our future inheritance.
- 3. We are saved into five main aspects: Eternal Glory, Union with God, Peace in Jesus, Victory over enemies, and Community.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. The sermon mentions that many churches stop at preaching what we're saved from. Why do you think it's important to also focus on what we're saved into?
- 2. Reflect on Ephesians 1:13-14. How does understanding the Holy Spirit as a "seal" and "deposit" impact your view of salvation?
- 3. The sermon describes eternal glory as being "free from attachment to things." How might this perspective change the way we live our daily lives?
- 4. Discuss the concept of "Union with God." What does it mean to you to have full disclosure and intimacy with God?
- 5. How have you experienced the peace of Jesus in your life? How can we cultivate this peace more fully?
- 6. The sermon talks about victory over enemies, including internal struggles. Share an area where you've experienced victory or where you're still fighting for freedom.

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

- 1. **Practice being a "non-anxious presence" this week.** When you feel stressed, remind yourself of God's peace and try to embody it for others.
- 2. **Identify one area in your life where you need victory.** Commit to praying about it daily and share with the group next week how God is working.
- 3. Make an effort to build community within your church or small group. Reach out to someone you don't know well and try to connect more deeply.
- 4. **Reflect on how you can "shine with the glory of God" in your daily interactions.** What would that look like practically?
- 5. **Take time this week to meditate on Revelation 21:1-14.** Journal about what aspects of the New Jerusalem you're most looking forward to.

CLOSING PRAYER

Thank God for the inheritance we have in Christ and ask for His help in living out these truths in our daily lives.