

## ***Living the Gospel:***

***Applying the good news to our lives & the church's life***

### ***This Changes Everything***

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#### **I. Nothing is ever the same after some things happen**

- A. You often hear this from lottery winners
- B. Marriage and parenting also have this effect
- C. Jesus' sacrifice for us *really* changes everything

*You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly....God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:6, 8)*

#### **II. The center of our universe changes**

- A. Your life now revolves around Jesus
- B. Your life used to revolve around: (you fill in the blank)

*Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:25-27)*

- C. It's all about Jesus!

#### **III. The world as we know it is turned up-side-down**

- A. Often Jesus' teaching was opposite conventional wisdom
- B. One of Satan's strategies is to convince us that "everyone else is doing it, so it must be okay!"

*Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self? (Luke 9:23-25)*

- C. Jesus' way leads to life, Satan's leads to death.

#### **IV. This has implications for us!**

- A. How has your world view changed after meeting Jesus?
- B. Has the one (One) you're living for changed?
- C. What worldly wisdom have you stood against in Jesus' name?
- D. What, in your life, still needs to change?