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New Message Series: What Really Matters

Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14

Mark 8:34-38

“As egg-headed as it may sound, our basic problem is our theology. The problem is our doctrine of salvation” ~Dallas Willard

1. The Gospel Confusion

John 8:44 “... he (*Satan*) is a liar and the father of liars.”

◆ The “forgiveness-only gospel” - say a magic prayer - but no true transformation.

Matthew 24:11-14

Acts 2:40-42

2 Timothy 2:1-4

2. The Kingdom Gospel

◆ Jesus spoke about the Kingdom of God over 100x’s—but a lot of confusion exists.

The Good News of The Kingdom: 2 Corinthians 5:17

Truth: The moment you repent, believe the good news of Christ, receive the Holy Spirit, and start following Him—eternal life begins.

◆ Repentance, Belief, and Spirit-filled obedience go together. The moment you start following Jesus, you begin to prove you believe what He says.

◆ We are believers first and we deepen our beliefs through practices and habits. True believing produces changed behavior.

James 2:14-20

Matthew 7:21-23

The Heart of the Gospel of the Kingdom: “Are you doing the will of God?”

Mark 1:16-18

◆ It’s impossible to separate belief from action: They are one and the same.

Luke 4:16-21

Luke 4:28-30

◆ **The Flawed Gospel:** Separates conversion from discipleship—making discipleship optional.

Matthew 24:14