

Questions for Discussion and Application

1. Read Isaiah 52:7. Why is it good news that "Your God reigns"?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-2. What is significant about Paul reminding the church about the gospel?
 - a. Building off Paul's reminder in 1 Corinthians 15:1-2, there is a gospel shift that can happen in the life of a church. The first generation cherishes the gospel. They rejoice that their sins are dealt with by Christ and they cherish God as their Father. The second generation assumes the gospel. They focus on the rules and the activities, are aware of the gospel and think it is important, but it doesn't cause rejoicing in their hearts. The third generation denies the gospel. They are left with only the moral implications and activities but the beauty of Jesus is not on the radar. What generation would you consider yourself to be? How does the reminder of the gospel help people to cherish (re-cherish) the gospel?
3. What idols have seemed like better news to you than the gospel? The temptation here is to say "none", but the fact is, every time we sin, it is because we are believing, in that moment, that something is better news than the good news.
4. How is the gospel not just good news for that final day, but good news for today? In Sunday's sermon, this was illustrated by looking at Psalm 73:2-4 and 73:18.
5. Going further: Seeing how the shoes of the gospel help us to stand, what does walking in gospel shoes look like? Look at Romans 10:9-15, as you seek to answer this question.
6. Can you name two people that you regularly interact with who are not yet Christians? Write down their names and pray for those people together. Ask the Lord to open a gospel door, and keep your eyes open for that open door.