

The Message To Our Culture

The Traditional “Gospel” Message

The Good News

<p><u>The Nature of Man</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You’re a sinner, you need to repent Your heart is desperately wicked (Jer 17:9). You must take up your cross daily and forsake your own corrupt desires and ambitions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some are in bondage and need deliverance but most are “good” people that just need a salvation experience / relationship with Jesus God created you with desires and motivations that match up with your calling. He wants to grant your heart’s desire because it overlaps His will for your life (Ps 37:4)
<p><u>The State of the World</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Society is evil, corrupt and carnal. We should avoid participation in government and social institutions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The world is full of many good people that will respond to what God is doing (Katrina is a good example) Some are like Cyrus; they cooperate with God before they are saved. Evil seems to prevail in some areas, but God is going to fill the earth with His glory. Marketplace ministry is a one of His tool to reach into the world.
<p><u>The nature of God</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> He is Lord and we must learn to obey and serve him and give up our own ambitions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus has a plan to fill the earth with the glory of God. Your part of that plan. He will lead you through life’s trials to great blessing and fruitfulness. He calls us “friends” instead of servants
<p><u>The Nature of Leadership</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leaders are Christ-like (Lords) and we must submit to them and deny our self-will. Leaders are prone to control and be mini-lords. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leaders are Christ-like (friends). They equip up us and release us into our calling to do the same for others.
<p><u>The Future</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evil is going to dominate this world culminating in a time of the great tribulation in which Christians will be persecuted into hiding until the rapture occurs at the Lord’s return. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good and evil will grow together like wheat and tares until Jesus return. The kingdom of God will seem small at first like a mustard seed, but God will use his people (Kings) like a mighty army to fill the earth with his glory and take the gospel to every nation, tribe and tongue. Though not everyone will go to Heaven, we make disciples of “all men” that respond.
<p><u>Consequences of the this message</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> People outside the traditional church find it pessimistic, irrelevant and ignore it. Even Christians are prone to withdraw from church attendance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unsaved people resonate with the good news of the gospel and respond to it because it’s what the Holy Spirit is already telling them.