



Part 6: Closing Q&A
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Q: What is the gospel in 140 characters or less?

A: John 3:16 and 1 John 3:16 (20 characters)

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. – *John 3:16*

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. – *1 John 3:16*

Q: What do you think is the most misunderstood part of God's character?

A: His justice

"I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me; I was found by those who did not seek me. To a nation that did not call on my name, I said, 'Here am I, here am I.' All day long I have held out my hands to an obstinate people, who walk in ways not good, pursuing their own imaginations— a people who continually provoke me to my very face, offering sacrifices in gardens and burning incense on altars of brick; who sit among the graves and spend their nights keeping secret vigil; who eat the flesh of pigs, and whose pots hold broth of unclean meat; who say, 'Keep away; don't come near me, for I am too sacred for you!' Such people are smoke in my nostrils, a fire that keeps burning all day.

"See, it stands written before me: I will not keep silent but will pay back in full; I will pay it back into their laps— both your sins and the sins of your fathers," says the LORD.

– *Isaiah 65:1-7*

Q: What does God want for me?

A: 1. Start with the ending

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life.

I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book. And if anyone takes words away from this book of prophecy, God will take away from him his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen. – *Revelation 22:17-21*

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Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. – *Romans 12:1-2*

a. Die first

b. Live free

A: 2. Move when the Spirit says move

Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. – *Galatians 5:25*

A: 3. That you would experience:

A marriage worth dying for (*Ephesians 5-6*)

A friendship worth investing in (*John 15:13*)

A purity worth sacrificing for (*Ephesians 5:3*)

A commission worth living out (*Matthew 28*)

A trust worth acting on (*Malachi 3:10*)

A faith worth everything (*Galatians 2:20*)

Next Steps:

Invite someone to an Easter service

Decide on some specific people that you can invite to an Easter service. Pick up an invitation for each one of them in the Commons today and pray before you invite each person that God would bless and guide that moment of invitation.

Small Group Questions



- 1) Would you rather ask questions or answer questions? Why?
- 2) Have you ever been interviewed for a job? Did you enjoy or dread the process?
- 3) Read Isaiah 65:1-7. What is this passage saying to you about God's justice?
- 4) How have you experienced the guidance of the Holy Spirit? What can you do to be more open to His guidance?
- 5) Which of the six experiences listed at the end of the outline is the most valuable to you? What decision is God calling you to make so that you can live that dream?
- 6) How can we pray for you today?