

SAVE.

Jesus was sent to save. We have been saved to send. We are sent into our community to share the Good News that Christ came to save us, and we hope to see many who find new life.

EQUIP.

We want to equip those very people in the Word so that they can continue to grow as disciples of Christ. From our preschool to our adults, our passion is to see everyone equipped in the Gospel to live a life of freedom and joy.

SEND.

Lastly, we then want to see those equipped people sent into their community and world. From school and playgrounds, to families and work places, we want to see people who are spiritual leaders in their life, showing people the truth of Christ's Good News.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

What stuck out to you the most or was the most impactful from the message on Sunday? _____

Jobey began by quoting a pastor who believes that God's grace saved him, but that from that point on, his own obedience is what earned or kept God's favor after that. Do you relate with that? If so, why does that ring true for you? _____

When you have a "good spiritual day" (you read the bible, you prayed, you refrained from getting angry), do you feel like God is more likely to bless you or give you favor or show you love? On "bad spiritual days," do you feel like God is disappointed and that He will allow some hardship to come upon you because you did something wrong? _____

Would you believe me if I told you that was wrong? The bible says that every believer has "all the spiritual blessings" available to us (**Ephesians 1.3**), but not because of our obedience, but because of *Christ's* obedience. God blesses us based on His blessing to Christ. Read **Ephesians 1-14**. Count how many times Paul references that our blessings are "in Him/Christ" or "through Him." How does that potentially change the way you think of your daily walk with the Lord? How does it change how you would approach Him? _____

Read **Colossians 2.6** and **Galatians 1.6-8, 2.20-3.3**. What were the Galatian Christians doing and thinking that got Paul fired up? _____

Now also read **Colossians 2.6, 7** and **Philippians 1.6**. What is Paul telling these two churches about the *reality* of how they really grow in their faith? _____

So we see that it is Christ's power that changes and equips us, but how? When it comes to being accepted, loved, blessed, and growing in your faith, Jesus is not simply all you need...He's all you have. Read **John 15.1-5**. What does Jesus tell us is the way we grow in our faith? _____

And how, exactly, do we abide? _____

John Owen said that "spiritual disciplines (reading the Word, prayer, etc.) can trim the roots of sin, but only the Gospel can pull the root out." If this is true, then what good is the Word of God and prayer? _____

Read **John 5.38-40, 6.29**. What does Jesus here say what the purpose of the Word is for us? _____

Read **2 Timothy 3.16**. When the Word of God is abiding in us, it sets us free, sanctifies us, trains us, and equips us to be sent. In your own words, explain how you think this happens. _____
