

PREACH THE GOSPEL TO YOURSELF

Romans 12.1, 2

WHAT IS PREACHING THE GOSPEL TO YOURSELF?

Of all human beings, you have more influence over yourself than anyone else, because you are spending all day with yourself, talking to yourself, reasoning with yourself, and making decisions.

**We need to stop listening to ourselves,
and we need to start preaching to ourselves.**

What is Preaching? It is an attempt to communicate what we believe should filter, color, and shape how we see everything. Everyone is preaching something, somehow, at some time. Ads, politicians, friends, social media, parents, and activists all have a message of something they believe (or want) you to believe.

What are the “Gospels” that are Preached? We believe “preaching” that tells us we need more, or we are entitled to some different life or outcome. Upon failure, we preach a message of condemnation and self-hatred. We believe a message of autonomy that says we don’t need to answer to anyone, as long as we feel strongly about our desires.

HOW DO WE PREACH THE GOSPEL TO OURSELVES?

Romans 12.1, 2 // Psalm 42.5

Preaching the Gospel to yourself is not just simply telling yourself, “do this,” “obey the Word,” or “trust God.” Those phrases, in themselves, are just simply law-based commands that will result in legalism, “performancism,” and self-righteousness.

But we need our actions and attitude to be an overflowing of the heart. Therefore, our hearts need to be changed. We need to be convinced, renewed, and converted.

Indicatives and Imperatives: more easily remembered as “Because” and “Therefore,” when we preach the Gospel to ourselves, we need to remind ourselves of *why* (indicative/because) we should *do* (imperative/therefore).

Fear: Psalm 27 // **Anxiety for Provision:** Matthew 6.25-34

Condemnation Over Sin: Romans 8.1 // **Temptation for Sin:** Proverbs 14.12

Worry: Philippians 4-7 // **Fear of the Future:** Romans 8.28

DISCIPLINE FOR JOY

With all the messages we preach to ourselves, true joy doesn’t come naturally. Discipline yourself like an athlete, putting in the work and building muscle memory, to where preaching truth to yourself becomes more and more like second nature. Memorize Scripture that directly relates to your weaknesses and needs.

Psalm 119.9, 10

NOTES:

This Week’s Scripture to Memorize:

1 Peter 1:3-4

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,

Will You Pray With Us?

Follow along with our daily prayer requests by downloading the **PrayerMate App**, available on both **iOS** and **Android** phones. Go to our website for detailed instructions on how to subscribe to the app to be praying with us daily, as well as reading through our **2 Year Bible Reading Plan**.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

We’d LOVE for you to fill out the green **Connection Card** on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering at the end of service or take it to one of our teammates in a **Green Shirt** at the **Connection Booth** outside - we’d love to give you some welcome information. Feel free to grab some food or coffee out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you’ll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you’ve ever taken your child to one of our **Kids on Mission** classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a faithful servant behind each of those examples. Serving is one of the **most fun & rewarding ways we experience community** with our church family! **Fill out a connection card** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to **get connected** in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups!** You’ll forge friendships, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group** on a **Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth**. You won’t regret it!

GIVING

Gospel-centered generosity is motivated by a heart of thankfulness because of the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you call **Life Mission** your home, you can place your gift in the offering baskets at the end of service, give online at **lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give** or mail a check to our PO Box. Thank you so much!

KIDS ON MISSION

Our **Kids on Mission** ministry has classes for **newborns – 5th grade**. Visit our website to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey’s heart for the ministry and his walkthrough of our curriculum. For questions about KOM email **Katie McGinty** at **katie@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS

Our **6th - 8th graders** worship with the adults and then head to the junior high room with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our **9th - 12th graders** stay in the service because we believe that it is critical for them to not “graduate the faith” when they graduate school. Our **High School Ministry meets on Thursday Nights @7PM at Casey & Amy Barnes Home in San Marcos**. For directions and/or questions about our student ministries, contact **Casey Barnes** at **casey@lifemission.tv**.

VISION: WHY DO WE EXIST?

We want to see God's glory known among the nations, to the least, last, and lost.

MISSION: WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?

We need to make disciples who make disciples locally and globally, who are saved, equipped, and sent by the Gospel.

STRATEGY: HOW WILL WE DO IT?

By teaching people how to be rooted in the Gospel of God's glory through the Word of God, Prayer, and Gospel Community.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Read **Romans 12:1-2**. What stuck out to you in these verses or was the most impactful from the message on Sunday? _____

Is there anyone who has lied to you more than you yourself? Most likely, you have deceived yourself more than anyone else. What "gospel" do you typically remind yourself of? What lies are you believing about yourself? _____

Read **1 Corinthians 15:1, Ephesians 1:7** and **2 Corinthians 5:17**. Write down the practical ways that you remind yourself daily that your past is forgiven? If you are currently not doing this, how could you start to remind yourself of this truth? When the enemy spits lies at you or you lie and preach a false gospel to yourself, where do you run? _____

Read **Romans 1:16, 1 Corinthians 1:18** and **Isaiah 40:28-31**. Are you experiencing a rough season in life right now? Overwhelmed? Overworked? Overburdened? Where do you run for rest? For a re-charge? For power? _____

Read **Acts 20:24**. According to Paul in **1 Corinthians 15:2**, the Gospel that saves us at salvation continues to empower us and we are constantly "being saved", or sanctified. We are given power from God to glorify Him. When it comes to His mission to make disciples, are you more of a consumer or participant? Do you count your time and energy too precious to give fully to His mission? Lately, have you been sitting in the stands fearing failure making you numb while just watching the game? Or maybe you are playing in the game but very weary and feel powerless? If you feel powerless read **Matthew 11:28**. _____

Whether you are not participating in God's mission or tired from "working in your own strength" and not resting in the power of the Gospel, we all, who put our trust in Jesus, can repent. We can turn from whatever sin is holding us back from fully experiencing God's grace and being on mission with Him. We must remind ourselves constantly of the past that we have been saved from, our current power that we have available and our future hope.

Read **Revelation 21:4, Jeremiah 29:11, 2 Corinthians 4:16-18, Revelation 7:9-17**. What do we have to look forward to and how does this hope change your perspective and life mission? _____

Pray, remembering that no matter where you look, at your past, your present or your future sins, the Gospel of grace covers it. Read **1 Peter 3:18** and meditate on it. _____

Charles Spurgeon said, "Trembling sinner, look to Jesus, and you are saved. Do you say, 'My sins are many'? His atonement is wondrous. Do you cry, 'My heart is hard'? Jesus can soften it. Do you exclaim, 'I am so unworthy'? Jesus loves the unworthy. Do you feel, 'I am so vile'? It is the vile Jesus came to save. Down with you, sinner; down, down with yourself, and up with Christ, who has suffered for your sins upon Calvary's cross. Turn your eye; see Jesus only. He suffers. He bleeds. He dies. He is buried. He rises again. He ascends on high. Trust Him, and you are safe. Give up all other trusts, and rely on Jesus alone, alone on Jesus, and you will pass from death unto life."



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SUNDAYS AT 10AM

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