SMALL GROUP

BIBLE DISCUSSION

WEEK OF

FEBRUARY 07, 2010

TOPIC: War of the Worlds IV
THE GOSPEL OF PEACE

Lesson in a Line: The good news, (the gospel), is that we all can be at peace with God, through faith in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Key Scriptures: Ephesians 6:15; 1Corinthians 15: 1-4 Romans 1:16

Points to Make

- The word 'gospel' simply means "good news."
- What is the 'good news'?
- First, the problem:
- In God's appointed time, His wrath and judgment will certainly be poured out against all unrighteousness – our personal unrighteousness and the world's collective unrighteousness.
- Every evil thing that has ever done will be judged by God and appropriately dealt with.
- The only possible outcome for humanity from this judgment is spiritual death – eternal separation from God
- Here's the solution to the problem – the "good news" – the gospel:
- Jesus Christ, Son of God, Son of man, (i.e. God in human form), came into the world to save sinners from the judgment and wrath of God (1 Timothy. 1:15; Mark 1:1; Acts 5:42)
- God's grace and mercy is available to us – by faith – not by our own good works (Acts 20:24; Ephesians. 2:8)
- We can get back to a place of peace with God! (Ephesians. 6:15; Acts 10:34-43)
- We can actually become His children (through faith in Jesus Christ) (Galatians. 3:26-27)
- This was all accomplished through Jesus' death, burial and resurrection on our behalf, in our place.
- He paid the price for our sin, suffered the penalty we should have suffered, conquering and defeating sin at Calvary! (1 Corinthians. 15:1-4; Romans. 8:3)
- The kingdom of God has been established in the earth and we can be a part of it (Matthew. 9:35, 24:14).
- Everything in the armor of God is of great importance. It's hard to contemplate going into battle missing any piece of it. So, let's strap our shoes on!

Discussion Tools

- When we think of the gospel being worn on our feet, it reminds us that we need to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).
- Re-read Mark 16:15 and discuss the importance of taking the gospel beyond the four walls of the church building.
- Philippians 1:17 Paul reminds us that we must defend the gospel.
- Divide into groups. Give examples of and discuss how we should defend the gospel from the following:
  - **-Man-made plans**
  - **-Devilish deception**
  - **-Cunningly devised fables**
  - **-Alternative religious formulae**
- **Come back together and share highlights.**

Prayer Time

Lord Jesus, help us to live a life of faith in the gospel so that we can live at peace with you.

ICE-BREAKER: If you were marooned on a deserted island which three people would you want with you and why?

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