

SMALL GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

Watch the video summary of the **September 22, 2013 Sermon** (3.5 minutes), "The Rescue Mission."
Please read the sermon passage (Galatians 1:1-5) together out loud.

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Sermon Outline:

5 Distinctives of the Gospel

1. Jesus died voluntarily, giving his life.
2. Jesus died sacrificially, in our place.
3. Jesus died purposefully to rescue us.
4. Jesus died obediently, fulfilling God's will.
5. Jesus died triumphantly, perfectly accomplishing his goal.

Small Group Discussion Questions

1. Jesus' death was not an accident. Jesus did not die simply to "show people how to die." Jesus was born to live a perfect human life (live up to the standards of the Law), and die as a sacrifice for sinners (the perfect Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world). Only man should have to pay for sins, but only the eternal God really could pay for sins. Though the sin is ours, the death is his. How does the realization that Jesus is the only way, or the only qualified sacrifice help you with starting conversations with unbelievers? What questions do your friends have when it comes to Jesus being the one and only way?
2. Discuss this quote: "The essence of sin is man substituting himself for God; the essence of salvation is God substituting himself for man." (John Stott)
3. God the Father showed his complete satisfaction with everything that Jesus did on the earth by raising him from the dead on the third day. The resurrection fulfilled prophecy (like Genesis 3:15, Isaiah 53), proves the identity of Christ, proves the deity of Christ, gave God the ultimate victory and guarantees the hope that every believer has that they will be raised from the dead (1 Corinthians 15). In what ways has the resurrection changed your life? How can you begin to speak of these things with unbelievers?