

Edgewater Covenant Church
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Religion vs. The Gospel

What is your experience with religion? How did you find your way to Edgewater?

How would you describe the gospel in 3 sentences or less?

What do you think about the bite-sized gospel: You are more broken and sinful than you could imagine, and you are more loved and accepted than you ever dare hope.

Have you had a moment (or moments) when you realized the other-worldly amazingness of the gospel? What was going on for you when that happened?

Do you agree with Peter's claim that religion and the gospel are totally incompatible? Why or why not?

Read Philippians 3:7-11

But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ-the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. I want to know Christ-yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

What do you think Paul means by being "found" in Christ? Why is that worth everything to him?

What is righteousness? Why does Paul have so much disdain for righteousness from our own works? What is the solution?

What do you think it looks like to live out the gospel in your own life? In your Growth Group? At Edgewater?

How can you be the light this week?