

## Outline – L.I.O.N. Message #1

### The Gospel

Matthew 16:13-18

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” 14 And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” 15 He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” 16 Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” 17 And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. 18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

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Matthew 16:19

I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

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LION

L – Living

I – Intentionally

O – On Earth

N – Now

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**“Human beings are in the hold of a terrifying power that grips them at the very core of their being. Left unchecked, it pushes them to self-destruction in one form or another. That power is sin, which is always bad news.” John MacArthur**

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Genesis 6:5

The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

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Psalm 14:1-3

The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.”  
They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds,  
there is none who does good.

2 The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man,  
to see if there are any who understand,  
who seek after God.

3 They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt;  
there is none who does good, not even one.

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Isaiah 64:6

We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.  
We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

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Consequences of sin:

- Physical death
  - Emotional death
  - Spiritual death
  - Relational death
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**The Gospel is “the most life-transforming truth God has put into men’s hands.” John MacArthur**

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Romans 1:15

So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.

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**LION #1 Principle – Regardless of obstacle we should still be eager to preach the gospel!**

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Romans 1:16a

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes,

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1 Corinthians 1:23

but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles,

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Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

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Romans 1:17

For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

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What the gospel isn't:

- The gospel is not a social issue – ie. caring for the poor
- The gospel is not a self-help seminar
- The gospel is not church attendance/baptism/good works
- The gospel is not performance oriented or behavior modification

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1 Corinthians 15:1

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand,

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1 Corinthians 15:2

and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

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1 Corinthians 15:3

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,

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Galatians 1:24

And they glorified God because of me.

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Galatians 1:11-12

For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man's gospel. 12 For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

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**LION Principle #2 – We share the message we received.**

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1 Corinthians 15:3-5a

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

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**“That is the gospel. These are the facts my friend, there is no gospel apart from these three facts. That is what the gospel is. Jesus Christ died for your sins, He was buried, and He rose from the dead. That is the gospel – that is good news.” J. Vernon**

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**“Come to me...”** you who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest

**“Come to me...”** all you who are thirsty and hungry and be satisfied

**“Come to me...”** all who are willing to approach me with child-like faith, child-like dependence, and child-like trust

**“Come to me...”** and find life

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**“Effective calling is an act of God the Father, speaking through the human proclamation of the gospel, in which He summons people to Himself in such a way that they respond in saving faith.” Wayne Grudem**

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**LION Principle #3 – Until we can claim the gospel for our own life we are not experiencing salvation.**

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**Applications:**

- 1. The gospel saves – don't be ashamed.**
- 2. The gospel saves – be eager.**
- 3. The gospel saves – homework assignment #1**