

Continuing our topical series...

God's View of Our Everyday World



March 29 For Such a Time as This: The Gospel of Life

Dan Williams, Associate Pastor serving ESC at VCEFC (last sermon for now)

2 Timothy 1:8-14 (NIV)

⁸ So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. ⁹ He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. ¹² That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day. ¹³ What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Discussion Questions

1. What is your greatest fear in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic? What is the thing most occupying your mind and heart these days? Basic necessities of living, boredom, checking out every symptom that passes across your body, anger and blame?
2. Where on the list of priorities would you place demonstrating the Gospel of Life?
3. What is the most surprising thing Paul writes about the Gospel of Life?
4. In light of the Scripture text and the sermon, what is one way the Gospel of Life can transform you--even with coronavirus (seemingly) lurking around every corner?
5. What new prayer is the Spirit inspiring in you?