



Abolition—Week One: We Have One Gospel

Connect: Scott, Chris, and Jon shared a lot about our mission as a church, so to start today, share with the group how long you've been a part of Southland. How did you first get involved?

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1. **Read Galatians 1:3-9.** What were people trying to add to the Gospel of Jesus Christ? Have you been guilty of subtly adding anything to the Gospel in your own heart?
2. Scott reminded us, ***“Church is not something we attend, it's something that we are.”*** What is the difference between the two? How should that affect our whole week, not just Sundays?
3. Discuss this quote from the message: ***We are about Jesus and only Jesus. If Jesus believed it we believe it. If Jesus told us to do it we do it. If Jesus told us to say it we say it. If Jesus told us to love them, we love them. If Jesus told us to protect them we protect them. If Jesus told us to serve them we serve them.***
4. **Read John 3:16 and Matthew 28:18.** How do these verses articulate God's strategy to redeem creation back to him and God's strategy for us to make Him known in the world?
5. Chris said, ***“Our job as the church is to be a group of Jesus followers who are living in such a way that we model Jesus to non-followers... that we invite non-followers into a relationship with Jesus so they'll become followers.”*** How should this mentality affect every ministry in our church? How are you personally living this out?
6. Chris used Nascar to help illustrate our multi-site strategy; our central teams work to build the best ministry models so that the local campuses can simply drive. Was that helpful to think about our different campuses? How does that help the local staff at each campus to focus on reaching people and developing relationships?
7. ***...at Southland we don't sit around in circles debating that plan, we don't put people in classes discussing that plan. The minute Jesus sets you free, we hand you keys and we send you out to ball fields and bars and businesses and we invite you to help other people get free.*** How does this quote strike you? What are you sensing God calling you to do in response?
8. Jon noted, ***“Southland often gets labeled as a ‘mega-church’. But, in comparison to the need in Kentucky we are small, we aren't mega in terms of the work that needs to be done.”*** What is the most important need of the people of Kentucky? How do we remain humble and hungry?

Pray: Take time as a group to specifically pray for our church, our leadership, and our future. Thank God for all that He has done, is currently doing, and the lives that have been changed. Ask God to help us see how He sees, to help us love how He loves, and to help us always introduce Jesus to those who don't know Him yet.

Next: ***“Followers inviting non-followers to become followers.”*** Find a friend this week who you can bring to church with you next week. Is it a co-worker? A neighbor? A friend from college? A family member? Begin praying for them now and share this decision with a friend so they can join you in praying for them.