

There is a story unfolding all around us....

It's a story we're all a part of. It's the story upon which all other stories rest. In fact, this story makes sense of all other stories. It's the greatest story ever told, filled to the edges with the greatest news ever imagined. It's a story in which life, joy, and hope are at stake, now and forever. It explains our deepest longings and our highest hopes.

It's a story that tells us who we are and who we will be. It's a story that explains why the world is the way it is and why we long for something more, something better. It's a story filled with great evil and immense good, wicked sin and fantastic grace, the heights of pride and the depths of humility, soul-numbing hate and wondrous love. It is a story of redemption.

This is the true story of God. This story has one central character, Jesus the Christ, one central event, the Cross, one central people, the Church, unified by one central message, the Gospel.

This gospel is the good news that "Christ died for our sins" (1 Corinthians 15:3) to bring us home to God, destroy Satan, forgive sin, reverse the effects of the Fall, and once-and-for-all create a people for God out of all tribes, tongues and nations for His glory. The Gospel changes everything.

God calls these gospel people "the Church," redeemed sinners who by faith in Jesus have been cleansed of the shame of sin, adopted as children of God, sealed with the Holy Spirit and sent on a mission to enjoy God, redemptively engage their context, and invite everyone into this life that is truly life.

Tragically, many do not know this God, this story or this Gospel. In fact, many avoid Him, ignore Him, neuter Him, distort Him, domesticate Him, misunderstand Him, add to or subtract from Him, or simply hate Him. Many, however, have simply never heard of Him.

So, we must go to them. We are dreaming of a new church, forming in the city of Jasper, grounded in the message that Jesus Christ makes all things new. We invite you to join us as we follow Jesus together. ¹

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