

Hill Cliffe Study Guide Sunday 6 March 2022 The Gospel in 4 Symbols

1. The Heart – The Love of God

- a. How is the love of God seen in His creation?
- b. Please read John 3.16-17. How do we see evidence of the love of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in the Gospels towards humanity?

2. The Crossed-Out Cross -The Bad News

Ephesians 4.18 Their minds are in darkness. They are separated from the life of God. This is because they have closed their minds to Him and have turned their hearts away from Him. (New Life Translation)

- a. How do we close our mind to God? And how do we turn our heart from God?
- b. Why does this separate us from the life of God?
- c. What implications has this had for our relationship with God (Upward); with ourself (Inward); with other people (Outward)?

3. The Cross of Christ – The Good News

1 Peter 3.18 Christ suffered and died for sins once for all. He never sinned and yet He died for us who have sinned. He died so He might bring us to God. (New Life Version)

- a. Why is the Cross of Christ such good news for all of humanity?
- b. Why was Jesus' death necessary for the sake of justice regarding our sin?

4. The Question Mark – A Response is Required

Please read Luke 5.31-32 and Acts 2.38-39

- a. What does repentance mean and why is it necessary?
- b. Why is 'be baptised' part of the expected response?
- c. What is God's promise to those who respond to him by faith?
- d. Who might you share the Good News about Jesus with this week?
- e. Pray for one-another for boldness to do so