

"There are five Gospels—Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, and the \_\_\_\_\_ —but most people never read the first four." - Rodney Smith

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. Romans 1:16 (I Peter 3:15)

Why do bad things happen to good (innocent) people?
And why do good things happen to bad (guilty) people?

 There are so many different religions that believe so many things – how can just be true?

<sup>8</sup> For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— <sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2:8-9

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead . . . I Peter 1:3

Why am I here? What does God want me to do with my life?

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people . . . Ephesians 1:18

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. Ephesians 2:10 NLT

Next Steps for August 3: "FAQ" – Week 6
☐ Help us show Kindness in Action to our community tonight at 6 p.m.
$\ \square$ Ask God to make you ready to give an answer to those who ask
you about your faith.
☐ Pray for our Mission Team in New Orleans this week.
☐ Check the box on the connection card for information about our next
Baptism Celebration on August 24.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Why do the wicked live on, growing old and increasing in power? . . . <sup>13</sup> They spend their years in prosperity and go down to the grave in peace. <sup>14</sup> Yet they say to God, "Leave us alone! We have no desire to know your ways." Job 21:7, 13-14

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. <sup>9</sup> "As the heavens are higher than the earth, I so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." Isaiah 55:8-9