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Message Series: The Relational Revolution

Acts 17:6 "These men have turned the world upside down..."

⇒ "... The thing we need salvation from is the idea we need salvation." ~Tim Keller

<u>FCC Purpose</u>: Friendship Church exists to <u>glorify God</u> by <u>making disciples</u> that <u>represent the gospel</u> to every man, woman, and child.

- 1. Obstacles In Sharing Christ Today
 - 1) Sharing The Gospel of Christ In A Post-Christian World

Mark 9:28, 29

"Postmodern" - no objective, absolute truth; "something can be true to you but not to me."

- ⇒ "The demons run deeper." ~M.L. Jones
- ⇒ "Many have been <u>inoculated</u>" ~Billy Graham

Note: The message of Christ doesn't change—but methods of sharing Christ do.

Revelation 14:1, 6, 7

Psalm 100:1-5

1 Corinthians 15:1-4, 11

2) Our Panicky Lack of Patience: "BIG Gulp" Gospel Shove

Colossians 3:1-4, 12-17

3) **Our Digital Culture:** the impact of 24/7 throughout each week vs. worship at church and Life Groups

Psalm 119:1-3, 6, 9-11

⇒ "Technology doesn't merely give us different beliefs—it changes the way we form them." ~Keller

4) Political Polarization

<u>Jonah 1:1, 2</u> <u>Jonah 3:10, 4:1, 2</u>

TRUTH: Jonah had a deep hatred for the Assyrians and Ninevites and he failed to realize that he was nothing but an evil sinner too, saved by sheer grace!

2. Out of The "Comfort Zone": Into The Powerful Love of Christ

Acts 17: 1, 2, 5 Acts 17:16, 17, 32

2 Thessalonians 2:14, 15

When Sharing Christ:

- 1) People do not like to be told What to think or Believe
- 2) Be prepared to meet even many times: No BIG GULP Gospel
- ⇒ People need to see Real Christ Change in someone they trust.
 - 3) Show Love & Respect By Listening: Take time to really understand their views and circumstances