## I LOVE MY CHURCH | WEEK 1 *The Gospel* | 03.27.11

Every church has a code. The Church at Martinsburg's code is clear, simple, and to the point. During this 5-week teaching series we will examine the essential functions of a church and how those functions define the faith family known as The Church at Martinsburg.

**Growth Questions for 3/20/11 – 3/27/11**

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find most helpful, eye-opening, troubling?

2. What is the gospel? What are some of the obstacles people experience when they hear the gospel message?

3. What were your thoughts when you first heard the gospel? How did you respond? What emotions were evoked? Did you resist the gospel message? Are you still resisting?

4. Do you understand the gospel enough to share it with someone? Are there some elements of the gospel that you have neglected to share? If so, what are they and what changes could make your gospel witness more effective?

5. What are some practical ways that you can train yourself to be a bolder carrier of the good news? What part do your personal Bible disciplines play in the proclamation of the gospel? What part does prayer play in the proclamation of the gospel?

***Living on Mission***
***Proclaim…Reach…Connect…Go***

1. As a believer, how do you continue to apply the gospel of Christ on a daily basis to your life? How is the gospel vital to your spiritual growth and fruit bearing?

2. John Piper asks the question, "If you could have heaven, with no sickness, and with all the friends you ever had on earth, and all the food you ever liked, and all the leisure activities you ever enjoyed, and all the natural beauties you ever saw, all the physical pleasures you ever tasted, and no human conflict or any natural disasters, could you be satisfied with heaven, if Christ were not there?" How would you answer this question? Does the gospel that you have received have Christ and the cross at its center as your very greatest treasure and reward?

3. What excuses have you given yourself for not sharing the gospel? Take your reasoning to God and ask Him to align your heart and mind with His own. What changes is He asking you to make?

Important Dates

- 3/23/11 Next Steps w/C@M
- 3/27/11 Community Groups Begin Quarter II – BEGINS TODAY
- 4/22/11 SECRET CHURCH
- 4/24/11 EASTER AT THE CHURCH AT MARTINSBURG – BAPTISMS!

**Multiple Worship Times**
**9:00AM AND 10:30AM**

**COMMUNITY GROUPS –** *Community Groups* are groups of people who come together on a weekly basis to promote significant Christian relationships that are centered around the study of God's Word (Hebrews 10:24-25 and Romans 8:29). Groups are breaking for 2 weeks between Quarters I and II. Groups kick back off on 3/27 with the transition to multiple services! Get more information at the Groups Table outside the Theater 4 today! Additional info can be found at groups.martinsburgchurch.org.