



Mile One Mission

March 2021

Well, here we are in March 2021 enduring our province's second COVID related lockdown. Although this time feels eerily similar to our first (our first was in March 2020), things are different. A lot of has happened in 12 months. When we went into locked down in 2020, the *unknown* was largely before us. We were an extremely new church plant making minimal gains into the community, we didn't fully comprehend the power of social media and neither did we understand how to transition digitally.

In a lot of ways, a lot of lessons were learned.

Going into our second lockdown, we were better prepared and could more easily anticipate the strains of social distance, *virtual* church, and the tediousness of having to engage with a community when being in the community wasn't possible.

We also had the extra bonus of seeing how God could work even in a pandemic – even when interacting with a community wasn't an option. We could move forward resting in what God **did do** at a time when we couldn't do. In turn, our faith increased and when our faith increased, so did our confidence and assurance in who God is.

This is why the writer of Hebrews says...“Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

Although our hope is primarily in Christ and what He did on the cross, we can also have hope, assurance, and confidence in God because His passion to save people is far greater than ours (and everyone's) ever will be. Even as we fumble our way through COVID lockdowns, God is still crystal clear on His desire and passion to build His kingdom and redeem a people for Himself.



What Is the Gospel?

Our home group continued meeting throughout the lockdown. We're now nearing the end of our current study called *What Is the Gospel?*. It's been a fantastic study and I'd highly recommend it to anyone – whether a new Christian or a believer of many years.

At the end of March, I had an opportunity to ask everyone how the book impacted them or made them feel (knowing that there's a lot of challenging subject matter in it). The response has been overwhelmingly positive. It's always amazing seeing the Gospel take hold in the hearts and minds of those who hear it.

This past March has definitely been one for the books. This month, God blessed KCC by calling someone to saving faith and it's been a beautiful experience watching this person be challenged, grow, wrestle and work their way through the workings of the Gospel.

As we spent some time in discussion about her new found faith, she mentioned something that speaks to the reality of many who live in St. John's and, in fact, Newfoundland. She said, "I grew up learning about religion and rules and traditions and I never once heard the Bible taught or explained. What have I been doing?!"

This expression hits the nail on the head in more ways than one.

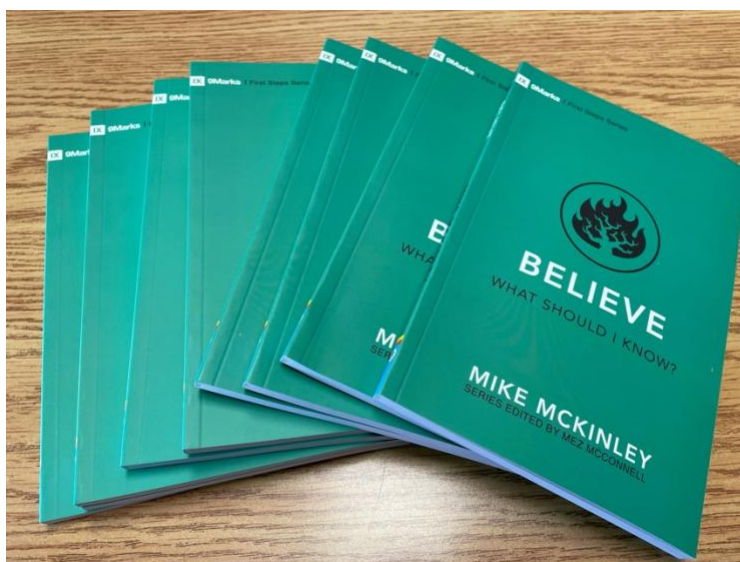
Many, many people here – especially on the Avalon Peninsula – will call themselves a Christian but have no understanding, little understanding or a surface level understanding of what the Gospel means.

But to actually bear witness of the changing power of the Gospel in the life of someone who has never heard the Gospel explained, well, that's astounding. It's always amazing to watch God give life to those who were once dead (in their sins)

And so we rejoice. We rejoice that God is working in Kilbride and we rejoice that He has called this little, tiny church plant to join with Him as He calls and redeems a people for Himself.

Believe: *What Should I Know?*

The KCC team set time aside this month to plan and prepare for our next study. We've decided to go with another 9Marks book called **Believe: *What Should I Know?***



We're excited about this especially in light of the great news that I just described. This book is part of a series called the **First Steps Series** and it walks new Christians through the core tenants of Christianity step-by-step. This book will look specifically at subjects like the Trinity, Creation and Fall, Angels and Demons, Atonement and Election and Sanctification and Perseverance.

We'll most likely start this in May.

Easter Weekend Virtual Service

The KCC team spent some time this month planning out what our Easter weekend services would look like. Considering the ongoing lockdowns, we decided to use the technology available to us and move forward with a virtual service.

The week leading up to Easter weekend was extremely busy. Myself and one of the KCC interns split the weekend up with me preaching on Good Friday and he preaching on Easter Sunday.

See below for a picture-postcard that we created, had printed off and sent out to the entire community in Kilbride (that's 2400 postcards)



Stay tuned for more updates to come in next month's update!


The KCC Team is growing!



Not only did we get to see someone come to saving faith this month but we also witness the sovereign hand of God moving on Kilbride Community Church and Mile One Mission. Nearly two years ago, a fellow-labourer in the ministry – from Bulluxi, Mississippi – felt the call to come do ministry in St. John's, Newfoundland.

After 18 months of planning and preparation, multiple COVID19 tests, 4600km travelled, a 7 hour ferry ride from N.S to N.L, and two weeks of quarantine, KCC's newest intern arrived in mid-March.

We're excited to have John with us and we're excited to see how God will use him to establish KCC over the next year and beyond!



"Friend, your sins are forgiven."

LUKE 5:20