

PREPARATION

- Familiarize yourself with this Study Guide.
- You can watch the sermon online [HERE](#).
- Spend some time in prayer before your group gathers.
- You **always** have the option to use some or all the questions and/or prepare your own questions.

Welcome: *Icebreaker – The world is full of bad news! Before your group discussion, share one thing that has happened to you in 2022 that is good news for your life?*

Study Context: This week, our discussion revolves around the word *Gospel* in the scriptures. One of the ways you can prepare for this study guide is to do a Bible Word search for the word “Gospel” or “Good News” and see how it is used as a proclamation of victory in the scriptures. A resource that is highly recommended is the [Step Bible](#). Another great resource is this Bible Project video below!



What's Going on This Week

This week, pastor Danny Strange brought us into the third week of our series titled *A Church that Pleases God*. Pastor Danny directed our attention to *the word Gospel* in the scriptures to remind us of the message of good news that permeates all our methodology and is the message upon which the entire church is built. As you wrestle with this study guide this week, take a moment to reflect on how the gospel message was presented to you personally and how the Holy Spirit opened your eyes to this good news. At the same time, challenge yourself to become a proactive contributor to the church family and ask yourself how you are being challenged to further believe the Gospel, receive the gospel, and proclaim the gospel!

“A church that pleases God is driven more by its message than its methods.” – Pastor Danny Strange



GROUP MEETING (60 – 90 minutes)

Worship (10 – 15 minutes)

Take time with your group and prepare your hearts as you enter into the presence of God for this meeting.

Option 1: Worship Music Have someone share their favorite song. You can find it online, play it, and even sing along with your group! Have them explain why the lyrics have impacted them!	Option 2: Proclaim the Gospel The Gospel is not just something for the point of salvation, it is something we need to remember every day! Ask one of your group members to define the gospel and share its implications.	Option 3: Compare and Contrast There is only one gospel, but many ways to present it! Share any <i>gospel presenter</i> that has made an impact on your life and explain why their presentation resonates with you
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Word #1: Survey Different Presentations of the Gospel (15 – 25 minutes)

Primary Text: Matthew 4:17; Romans 1:1-6, 16-17; Acts 2:14-41, 17:22-34; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Philippians 2:5-11; Colossians 2:13-15 – All of these scriptures are used frequently in the church to see how the gospel is defined. In these texts, you will get to experience the same gospel message being presented in different ways to different audiences. **Which of these gospel presentations do you think impacts you the most and why? What are some of the similarities/differences that you notice in these presentations of the gospel? How do you feel like these scriptures challenge your preconceived notions of what the gospel is?**

Host Tip: As your group responds to these generic questions, see if you can try to identify the effects of the “good news” in their life. In other words, search for why the selected passage resonates with their life at the current moment. Be sure to ask a lot of questions!

Word #2: Believe, Receive, and Proclaim the Gospel (15 – 25 minutes)

Primary Texts: Ephesians 2:19-22 – This core passage that is driving our series suggests that Jesus Christ is the cornerstone upon which all things are being built. This week, we learned that anything we do to build on top of this cornerstone must derive from the core teachings of the gospel message handed down to us by the apostles and the prophets. Therefore, we are called to believe the gospel, receive it as a part of our daily lives, and proclaim the message everywhere we go! **As you think about the gospel, do you resonate with the call to deepen your belief, receive God’s message of good news, or proclaim the message in your circle of influence? According to the passage, how do you believe the Lord is calling **you** to contribute by (a) building on the holy temple in the Lord and (b) joining together as the holy temple in the Lord? How might you take your first step toward this gospel-centered effort and who in your Life Group might help keep you accountable?**

Host Tip: As your group answers, try and keep these 3 categories in mind as a helpful way to engage in further conversation and pray for the group members.



Witness (20 – 25 minutes)

- **Pray for the Unfolding Events in the Russia – Ukrainian crisis.**
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would give us eyes to see what deep joy truly is.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would open our eyes to the perspectives we need to experience joy.
- Pray for any individual prayer request that comes up in your group.
- **Pray for the entire group and how they may be able to participate in future group meetings.**
- **Pray for an interaction with someone who you can invite into your next group meeting!**
- **Pray for God's hand in the multiplication and revival of your group!**

Stay up to date with our Prayer Ministry by signing up to be an intercessor online at 3Crosses.org/pray!

Throughout the Week

-Follow up between group members: Have each member of the group pick one other group member to follow up with about how they are growing in their faith as they learn to keep in step with the Holy Spirit

-Join relief efforts locally and around the world: Looking to contribute to what is going on both locally and around the world? Visit our website and join one of the [relief efforts](#) being made available through our church partners or sponsor an [indigenous missionary](#)!

-Life Groups 2022: For more information about joining a group, hosting a group, or general inquiries, contact AJ at avanegas@3crosses.org or Carmela at carmela@3crosses.org