

The Gospel of the Kingdom

Week 7 - Day 5: Share the Gospel

We are one week away from finishing! Hang in there!

This week we talked about the Holy Spirit and the growing church. I know there are many things that come to mind when our culture hears the word church. What comes to your mind? In our *Share the Gospel* video this week, we will see how the gospel affects the church! As you watch, remember that the **GOOD NEWS** of being in God's kingdom family is a restored purpose; to enjoy an intimate relationship with God and obey His commands to spread His blessings and Glory to all nations!

Share the Gospel Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z_4u8TRorUw

Community Group Discussion Questions:

At the end of every week, we will be collecting the 2-3 sentences about sharing the gospel so that you can be equipped with brief summaries that explain how each text moves the gospel message of God's kingdom forward! As always, feel free to come up with questions of your own based on your observations and conversations

Question: What observations / reflections / or prayers stood out to you about this week?

Acts: As I think about the book Acts, as well as the passage from Galatians where Paul confronts Peter, I see that a fresh presentation and understanding of the gospel is sometimes as necessary for believers, as well as for unbelievers. Sometimes a recalibration of the perspective of believers is necessary as we can too easily fail to see the revolutionary aspect of the gospel we claim to believe and profess. Therefore, as the gospel confronts a non-believer to consider the claims of Christ on his or her life, it confronts the believer to more deeply consider the implications of those claims and how they apply to the way one interacts with the diverse world around them.

Question: Where do you think God is recalibrating your understanding of the gospel? How is that recalibration motivating you to participate in the unstoppable work of the Holy Spirit?

Letters of Paul: Paul's challenge us to exist in the tension that God's kingdom can be made a reality here on earth while still waiting for the final judgment of sin and the permanent establishment of God's kingdom. The former message offers a life of intimacy with the Creator of the Universe, true and meaningful life change through Jesus' conquering of sin, and tremendous kingdom purpose on this earth through the Holy spirit. The latter offers hope for an eternal existence without sin or suffering!

Question: How does the life of Saul → Paul encourage you? In what ways can you live with the kingdom in mind for the kingdom that is already available here on earth? In what ways can you live with the kingdom in mind that has not yet been fully realized? How do you reconcile those two concepts?

Hebrews and the High Priest: If Leviticus explains the Old Covenant way we are brought back into the presence of God, Hebrews explains the New Covenant way paved by Jesus! Jesus, who so God in the flesh, sacrifices his eternally spotless body and blood so that our sins may be permanently covered and that we would have access to God to experience His loving kingdom rule in our lives!

Question: What is the relationship that you see between Leviticus and Hebrews? Based on what you have seen from these two books, what would you say to someone with the common objection about why Jesus HAD to die?

James to Jude: Jesus is calling us into his own lifestyle of love and obedience to his authority. Since we live in a fallen world, we should expect to experience suffering but we are continuing to learn how to choose obedience to God's kingdom rule above what is temporary in this kingdom!

Question: What are some of the challenges you are experiencing right now and how do these verses give you hope for the future? How do you believe God is calling you to further your relationship with Him? What is God calling you to do that requires your obedience, even if it means suffering?