

GOSPEL CLARITY

PERSONAL EXERCISE FOR
EVERYDAY DISCIPLES



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You can experience the gospel externally by watching videos, listening to sermons, and hearing a community of people apply the gospel to their life together. You can also experience the gospel internally by grappling with the Scriptures and putting the concepts into your own words. This exercise will help you do just that.

Leadership Tip: This is a great assignment to give everyone in your community to do on their own, and then when you get back together you can share your answers and gospel definitions.

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT THE GOSPEL

The best place to begin to understand the message of the gospel is the Bible itself. Record 2-3 key points that summarize each passage below in the space provided. Don't be surprised if the same key points emerge.

John 3:16-17

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world, to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

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Romans 3:23

"...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified [made right with God] freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus."

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Ephesians 2:8-10

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

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LEARNING FROM WHAT OTHERS HAVE SAID ABOUT THE GOSPEL

Now that you've looked at passages about the Gospel yourself, consider these statements about the gospel from others who have studied it and lived it out for many years. Circle the key words and phrases that stick out as important aspects of the gospel.

"The gospel is the word about Jesus Christ and what He did for us in order to restore us to a right relationship with God." –Graeme Goldsworthy

"The gospel is the announcement that God has reconciled us to Himself by sending His Son Jesus to die as a substitute for our sins, and that all who repent and believe have eternal life in Him." –J.D. Greer

"The Gospel is the news that Jesus Christ, the Righteous One, died for our sins and rose again, eternally triumphant over all His enemies, so that there is now no condemnation for those who believe, but only everlasting joy." –John Piper

"Through the person and work of Jesus Christ, God fully accomplishes salvation for us, rescuing us from judgment for sin into fellowship with Him, and then restores the creation in which we can enjoy our new life together with Him forever." –Tim Keller

Based on the key points from the Scriptures and the definitions above, write down several summary statements that capture the message of the gospel.

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WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

In one to three sentences, write a definition of the gospel in your own words.

