



# FURTHERING THE GOSPEL

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**Key Theme:** The gospel is power.

**Romans 1:16** ¶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

**Key Definition:** The gospel is God's powerful message of Jesus Christ coming to this world to save sinners, to anyone who will believe.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Man
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the World
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ decision

### **The Sin of Man**

What is my need from God? \_\_\_\_\_

*Gen 2:15, Gen 3:1-6, Psalm 53:1-3*

**Key Point:** The \_\_\_\_\_ starts with \_\_\_\_\_ needing \_\_\_\_\_.

*Rom 6:23, Rev 20:11-15, Prov 21:4, Isa 64:6*

Man needs to be warned of the \_\_\_\_\_

Man needs to realize their sin to \_\_\_\_\_

### **The Salvation of God**

1. Salvation means \_\_\_\_\_ to God. 2 Co 5:19
2. Salvation is a \_\_\_\_\_ of God. Rom 4:4-5
3. Salvation is \_\_\_\_\_ Rom 8:37-39

**Key Point:** The salvation of God reveals his \_\_\_\_\_.

*John 15:14, 2 Co 6:18*

Man needs to understand \_\_\_\_\_.

Man needs to know \_\_\_\_\_.

### **The Savior of the World**

1. Christ died on the cross as \_\_\_\_\_. Heb 9:26-28, Ro 5:8
2. Christ died on the cross as \_\_\_\_\_. Ro 5:9
3. Christ's Resurrection proves \_\_\_\_\_. 1 Co 15:1-4

Key Point: Jesus' death, burial and resurrection is \_\_\_\_\_.

### **The Sinner's Decision**

**1 Timothy 1:15** This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

**Key Point:** We must lead people to clear \_\_\_\_\_.

<b>Decisive Questions</b>	
Will you admit that you are a sinner to God and turn from it?	Will you deny your sin against God?
Will you accept that Jesus Christ died for your sins and that he resurrected for you to eternal life?	Will you deny Jesus' sacrifice on the cross?
Will you call upon Jesus Christ to save you?	Will you refuse to call upon him for salvation?

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**Key Point 1** Being a witness is more about your \_\_\_\_\_  
in Christ, than your \_\_\_\_\_ for him.

*2 Corinthians 5:20-21, Proverbs 11:30*

**Key Point 2** If we \_\_\_\_\_ our new identity to be true,  
then at best, we will be \_\_\_\_\_.

*Romans 6:5-7, 22; Psalm 34:8, Psalm 103:2*

**Key Point 3** Most Christian \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel, because  
they've forgotten how \_\_\_\_\_ God has  
been, and will always be to them.

*John 5:39, Psalm 51:12-13*

**The Gospel's benefits** See \_\_\_\_\_

*Psalm 103:2-6, 8-13*

**Key Question** *Is there any \_\_\_\_\_ from my life that could  
\_\_\_\_\_ the gospel's power?*

*Galatians 1:6-7, John 1:12-13*

**Key Point 4** *If we want to see the Gospel \_\_\_\_\_,  
then we must be willing to let it \_\_\_\_\_.*

*Galatians 1:13-16, 22-24*



**SECTION 2: THE WORK OF A WITNESS****SATURDAY MORNING****Intro***Jonah 1:15, 2:6-10, 3:1-2; 2 Co 5:17-19***Key Point 5**

If \_\_\_\_\_ is not an \_\_\_\_\_ priority in your discipleship, then you're not actually doing ministry.

*Matt 4:19, 2 Tim 4:5***Key Point 6**

The quickest way to fail in our assignment is to \_\_\_\_\_ .

*John 4:34***Key Point 7**

The greatest temptation of the evangelist is \_\_\_\_\_ .

TRUTHS OF THE WITNESS	TRUTHS OF THE LORD
You will	"Charity never faileth" 1 Cor 13:8
You will say the	God's word won't "return void" Isa 55:11
You will be	"God has not given us a spirit of fear" 1 Tim 1:7
You won't	"God hath chosen the weak things" 1 Cor 1:27
You will look like	"he that winneth souls is wise" Pro 11:33

## **SECTION 3: WITNESSING** \_\_\_\_\_ **SATURDAY MORNING**

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**Key Thought** The mission is not primarily the work of the local church, it is \_\_\_\_\_ the work of the local church.

*Matt 28:19, Acts 1:8, 2 Cor 5:2, Phil 4:3*

**Question** What is the primary ministry that your local church uses to reach the lost?

**Key Point 9** \_\_\_\_\_ are the primary method that we are trusting God to use to reach the lost and further the gospel.

## **SECTION 4: BREAKOUT** \_\_\_\_\_ *(1-hour led by small group leaders)*

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- 1) Has the gospel changed your life? Do you need to make a decision to let go of something to move forward? (5min)
- 2) Do you need help knowing out to communicate the gospel or your testimony of salvation? (5min)
- 3) How are you going to trust God to take new territory as a small group? (Not as individuals) (40min)
- 4) How are you going to be strategic (outreach)?
  - a. Where, When, How
- 5) As you reach people, what are you going to be inviting them into? What are you all going to do to improve or curate a better environment or culture? (10min)

## **NOTES + BRAINSTORMING**

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**Outward** (How are we going to reach the lost?)

**Inward** (What can we improve on and commit to?)

## **TAKING ACTION**

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(create actionable items)

As a Bible Study we are committing to...



**The bible is about a King and a Kingdom.**

Kingdom of God (Spiritual)	Historical/Biblical Event	Kingdom of Heaven (Physical)
Under control of Adam	Adam Created (Gen 1:26)	Under Control of Adam
Spiritual Kingdom forfeited. No spiritual Son of God on earth	Fall of Adam (Gen 3:6)	Remains under control of Adam and his descendants through Noah to Israel. History of Old Testament Jewish Nation
	Captivity of Jews (Daniel 1) (Jeremiah 39)	
	Luke 4:5-7	Under control of Satan
Kingdom 'At Hand'	First Coming of Christ (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John)	Kingdom 'At hand' and offered to the Jews but rejected
Kingdom remains on earth through Christ's Body (Church)	Final rejection by Jews of Stephen (Acts 7)	Kingdom remains under control of Satan
Kingdom goes out with the Church, once again no spiritual Son of God on earth.	Rapture of Church (Rev 4:1) (1 Thess 4:13-18)	False Kingdom of heaven established by Antichrist
	Tribulation Period (Rev 4-19)	
The King brings in the Kingdom	Second Coming of Christ (Rev 11:15) (Rev 19:11-16)	The King brings in the Kingdom

## **We can draw a few conclusions about this day and age.**

1. Satan is the king/god of this world. (2 Cor 4:4)
2. The course of this world is subject to the king of this world and runs contrary to God's Kingdom. (Eph 2:2)
3. The king of this world wants to blind, bind, and destroy you.

Satan is working a Counterfeit Kingdom in an effort to be like the most high. Studying the world through bible typology will help us understand what the world is offering humanity for its subjection, how these offers fall short, and that the Gospel is the key to the Kingdom humanity is actually looking for.

### **Egypt: Security**

**Key Point** This world offers \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_.

**Key Point** This world needs the gospel because they are looking for their \_\_\_\_\_ in a world that offers \_\_\_\_\_.

**Key Point** This world needs the gospel because the gospel offers \_\_\_\_\_

### **Sodom & Gomorrah: Pleasure**

**Key Point** This world offers Pleasure for subjection

**Key Point** This world needs the gospel because they are looking for \_\_\_\_\_ in a world that offers \_\_\_\_\_.

**Key Point** This world needs the gospel because the gospel message is the only way to \_\_\_\_\_.

## APPENDIX A

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- 1) Peace through the blood of his cross (Col 1:20)
- 2) You are complete in him... (Col 2:10)
- 3) You are loved and washed... (Rev1:5-6)
- 4) You have been justified (Romans 5:1-11)
- 5) Provided direct access to God in pray (Heb 4:16)
- 6) Given certainty of eternal life (1 John 5:13)
- 7) Made accepted in the beloved (Eph1:6)
- 8) Given a new family that cares for you (Eph 4:12)
- 9) Empowered to live holy (Romans 6)
- 10) Given an eternal purpose (Matt 28:19-20, Acts 1)
- 11) Sealed with that Holy Spirit (Eph 1:13)
- 12) Baptized by the Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:13)
- 13) Given a new start through new birth (John 3)
- 14) Cut away from your flesh (Col 2, Rom 6)
- 15) Was blind but can now see (John 9:25, 2 Cor 4:4)
- 16) Made kings and priests (Revelation 1:5-6)
- 17) Without hope, now rejoicing (Rom 5:5;12:12)
- 18) Made the temple of the Spirit (1 Cor 6:19)
- 19) You have passed from death to life (John 5:24)
- 20) You are born again (John 3:5)
- 21) Were naked and ashamed, now
- 22) Given power to be called sons (John 1:12)
- 23) Made a new creature in Christ (2 Cor 5:17)
- 24) You have been forgiven (Col 1:14)
- 25) You have been purchased (1 John 2:2)
- 26) Translated from a Kingdom of darkness (Col 1:13)
- 27) Made righteous in God (2 Cor 5:21)
- 28) Eternal life (John 3:16)
- 29) Adoption as sons of God (Galatians 4:4-7)
- 30) Chance for no condemnation (Romans 8:1)
- 31) Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)
- 32) Transformation of heart and mind (Romans 12:2)
- 33) Victory over sin and death (1 Cor 15:55-57)
- 34) Peace with God (Philippians 4:6-7)



- 35) Joy in the Lord (Philippians 4:4)
- 36) Comfort in suffering (2 Cor 1:3-4)
- 37) Assurance of Salvation (1 John 5:13)
- 38) Unity in Christ (Ephesians 4:3)
- 39) Wisdom and discernment (James 1:5)
- 40) Discipline and correction (Heb12:5-11)
- 41) Faithfulness in service (1 Cor 4:2, Gal 2:20)
- 42) Intimacy with God (James 4:8)
- 43) Restoration of relationships (Colossians 3:13-14)
- 44) Demonstration of God's Love (1 John 4:9-10)
- 45) A model for servanthood (Philippians 2:3-4)
- 46) Holiness and sanctification (1 Thessalonians 4:3)
- 47) Stewardship of resources (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)
- 48) Conformity to Christ's image (Romans 8:29)
- 49) Power to love our enemies (Matthew 5:44)
- 50) Satisfaction in God's presence (Psalm 16:11)
- 51) Fellowship, friendship with God (1 John 1:3)
- 52) Enabling for ministry (1 Tim 1:12)
- 53) Guardian of truth (1 Tim 6:20)
- 54) Foundation of faith (Heb 11:1)
- 55) Example of godliness in Jesus (1 Peter 2:21)
- 56) Guidance in decision making (Proverbs 3:5-6)
- 57) Strength in weakness (Phi 4:13, 2 Cor 12:9-10)
- 58) Freedom from fear (2 Tim 1:7)
- 59) Boldness in witnessing (Acts 4:29)
- 60) Glorification in Christ (Romans 8:30)
- 61) Sanctification by the Spirit (1 Peter 1:2)
- 62) Eternal perspective (2 Corinthians 4:16-18)
- 63) Encouragement in Fellowship (Hebrews 10:25)
- 64) Transformed character (Galatians 5:16-17)
- 65) Inheritance in Christ (Ephesians 1:11)
- 66) Security in God's love (Romans 8:38-39)
- 67) Confidence in prayer (1 John 5:14-15)
- 68) Freedom from Legalism / Law (Galatians 5:1)
- 69) Purification of heart (1 Peter 1:22)
- 70) Endurance in Trials (James 1:2-4)

