

Appendix 7: 4-Week Study of the Gospel

- **Week 1:** Discuss "The Centrality of the Gospel" - Tim Keller, PART 1: Implications & Applications, p. 1-4
 - Questions:
 1. What impacted you most from the article? What were your major take-aways?
 2. Was anything confusing or difficult to understand?
 3. How is the gospel "bigger" than you may have previously thought?
 4. What are the 2 "thieves" of the gospel? Which are you more prone toward?
 5. Discuss how having a moralistic view, a hedonistic view, or a gospel view of life would:
 - 1) Affect how you relate to difficult people (parents, friends, children)?
 - 2) Affect your generosity with your money or help the poor?
 - 3) Affect your reaction to being wronged or really hurt by someone like your spouse?
 6. What is a an area of life where you'd like the gospel to better take root and change you?
 - Homework: Read "The Centrality of the Gospel" -Tim Keller, PART 2: The Key to Everything, p. 5ff
 - Choose 2 of the "Approach's" (1 from each section) and come prepared to share how having a moralistic view, a hedonistic view, or a gospel view of life affects that situation.
- **Week 2:** Discuss "The Centrality of the Gospel" - Tim Keller, PART 2: The Key to Everything, p. 5-9
 - Questions:
 1. What impacted you most from Part 2? What were your major take-aways?
 2. Did any of these "approach's" hit close to home personally? How did it encourage you?
 3. Go around and share about the 2 "Approach's" you chose (from the homework). Share how having a moralistic, a hedonistic, or a gospel view of life affects that situation.
 4. If time allows, think of a personal struggle or issue and talk through how having a moralistic, a hedonistic, or a gospel view of life changes how you deal with it.
 5. What is a major take-away from this article?
 - Homework: Read "The Gospel-Centered Life - Part 1 - The Gospel Grid"
= About 12 pages Read "The Gospel-Centered Life - Part 2 - Pretending & Performing"
 Read "The Gospel-Centered Life - Part 3 - Believing the Gospel"
- **Week 3:** Discuss "The Gospel-Centered Life - Parts 1-3"
 - Questions:
 1. What impacted you most from Part 1 - The Gospel Grid?
 2. Which "way of minimizing sin" do you most relate with (from p. 4)
 3. What impacted you from Part 2 - Pretending and Performing?
 4. How do you relate with the urge to pretend or perform?
 5. Which "righteousness" from p. 8-9 do you most relate with personally?
 6. Read Romans 3:21-22; 4:4-8 and describe in your own words what Christ's "passive" righteousness means and the implications for us.
 7. Read Romans 8:14-17 and 1 John 3:1-2 and describe what our sonship means and the implications for us.
 8. Share any of the "orphan" mentalities you feel most apply to you. Which on the son/daughter list do you most long to believe and live out?
 - Homework: Read "How Christ Changes Us By His Grace" - Tim Lane & Paul Tripp
- **Week 4:** Read "How Christ Changes Us By His Grace" - Tim Lane & Paul Tripp
 - Questions:
 1. What impacted you most from the article? What were your major take-aways?
 2. *[More questions to come]*