

WEEK 1 - BOO SCOTT

THE GOSPEL OF YOUR SALVATION

Discussion Questions

1. In Acts 1:6, it appears that the disciples were distracted from the mission Jesus was giving them. What are some distractions we deal with that keep us from sharing the good news with others?
2. What did it mean for Jesus to command his disciples to be “witnesses” in not only Jerusalem, but also “in all Judea and Samaria”?
3. Do you remember the first time someone shared the gospel with you? Who was it? How was that experience?
4. In Boo’s story, he heard the Gospel shared around a dinner table with a few friends and a friend’s parents. If you were going to share the gospel with a friend, who else would you want to “be at the table” with you?
5. Who in your life needs to hear good news for a change? Who do you know that needs to hear the gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ?

Challenge

Pray for God to open a door for you to share the good news. Perhaps there is someone who comes immediately to mind here, or perhaps not, but regardless, ask God to help you identify who that person is. It may be someone who has never obeyed the gospel, or it may be someone who has but hasn’t been living like it. Pray for God to show you that person, pray for that person, and pray for an opportunity to reach that person.

WEEK 2 - KEVIN LANGFORD

THE GOSPEL OF HOPE

Challenge Check-In

Did God reveal someone to you in answer to your prayer last week? Who have you been praying that God would open a door for conversation for you? Have you already been able to start a conversation this week? Why or why not?

Discussion Questions

1. Kevin pointed out that Mephibosheth's nurse was probably running away because she feared the new King David would be a danger to Mephibosheth. She couldn't have misjudged King David's intentions worse. Running from the king ensured almost 20 years of living crippled and without hope for Mephibosheth. In what ways have you run or are you running from God? Why did you run?

2. Who do you know that is running from God? Why do you think they have misunderstood the King's intentions toward them?

3. Unlike the rest of the world, David recognized Mephibosheth as a son, not as a cripple. This is a good reminder that God knows us by our identity, not our deformity. What deformity or problem have you been associated with? What about the person you just mentioned who is running from God? What are they known for? How does God see you and them?

4. Read Psalm 103:8-14 again. Which of the pictures of God's love jumps off the page at you and gives you the most hope? Which do you think your friend would respond most to?

Challenge

In a real life conversation, say something for God today. How you do this is up to you, but do it! Ideally, say something to the person you prayed for last week. Or the person you identified as running from God with no hope tonight if that is someone different. You may mention church, or invite the person to something with your youth group, or you may end up talking about how things are going spiritually. Maybe you could arm yourself with some of the words of scripture that offer hope. Kevin listed several areas in which the Gospel gives hope. Those verses are listed below if you want to look them up and steal a phrase from them! It doesn't have to be a deep conversation. Just sprinkle a seed or two, or water what's already been planted. Of course if it gets deep, that'd be ok, too!

Rom 8:1, Rom 7:6 Eph 2:13, Col 1:13, Col 1:13, Rom 5:1, Heb 10:14, Rom 8:15, Eph 2:18, 1 Pt 2:5, Heb 13:5, 1 Pt 1:4,

WEEK 3 - TJ KIRK

THE GOSPEL OF PEACE

Challenge Check-In

Ask if anyone would like to share how they “said something for God” in a conversation this week. Did you invite a friend to church? Did you publicly thank God, Jesus, or the Spirit? Did you ask someone how they’re doing spiritually, or perhaps shared how you are doing spiritually?

Discussion Questions

1. What do you think it looks like have “ready feet”? To be ready to share the good news?
2. TJ reminds us that Jonah disobeyed the Lord and ran not because the job was too great, but because his heart was full of hate. Who might you find it hard to share the gospel with due to differences, disagreements, or discrimination?
3. What are some obstacles or stumbling blocks we allow to get in the way of others hearing the gospel of peace? How have you specifically seen those in the past year?
4. Is there something you’re unwilling to do for another to hear the gospel? If so, ask the group (or an individual) to help you remove those stumbling blocks from your life to clear the way for others to hear the gospel of peace.
5. Were there things TJ said that you had a hard time hearing or agreeing with? Did anything he talked about “trigger” your or seem to get under your skin? Discuss with the group to help remove further stumbling blocks to sharing the good news with others.

Challenge

Offer to pray with someone. It could be as simple as inviting someone in as you pray before a meal. Or maybe you’re catching up with someone and ask, “What can I be praying for for you?” Whatever it is, simply find a way to ask someone if you can pray with them or for them.

WEEK 4 - MATT MILLER

THE GOSPEL OF GRACE

Challenge Check-In

Who did you pray with or for this week? Regardless if it's an encouraging story, or a story where your offer was rejected, we want to hear!

Discussion Questions

1. Matt spoke of the imprint that the apostle Paul left on people and how that imprint was his drive and motivation. What motivates or drives you? Where does that motivation/drive come from?
2. Paul wrote a lot about anxiety and how faith in God could give him a peace that "surpasses understanding." What are some things that you worry about or find yourself being anxious about?
3. Matt emphasized that without the grace of God, there is no good news, salvation, or hope. What does he mean by the grace of God and what blessings do we inherit because of it?
4. Matt spent time in 1 Timothy 1:12-16 and walked us through how we're forgiven, saved by grace, counted as faithful, and enabled for good works. How have you seen boldness in your own life or the lives of others when it comes to sharing the gospel with others?
5. God loves you so much. Did you know that? God loves you so much that he was willing to give up his Son for you "even when" you didn't deserve it, were considered an enemy, and were opposed to God. How might God's amazing love and amazing grace for you transform the core motivation or drive of your life? What attitudes, behaviors, priorities, or relationships might need to change?

Challenge

Ask someone to pray for you and for what you're striving to do for the Lord. Don't be shy or afraid to ask people to go before God on your behalf. Remember, God answers prayers!