

GOSPEL LIVING

Discipleship Guide #5

TODAY'S GOAL

- For the student(s) to understand the gospel is not just a one time message we hear but a message that is essential for our every day lives as followers of Jesus forever.

DISCUSS THE DAILY IMPACTS OF THE GOSPEL

- Discuss: **What do you think of when I say, "the gospel message is not something we need one time for salvation, but something we need every day"?**
- Read **2 Cor 5:17-21** together and discuss: **What areas of transformation do you see in this passage? How does the gospel change us from our "old self" to the areas of transformation in this text?**
- Discuss: **Why might it be important for us to remember the gospel on a daily basis? How might remembering the event that caused us to be transformed from death to life change our mindset every day of our lives?**
 - Dialogue with your student(s) over this question for a bit. Ask follow up questions as a way to hopefully direct their thoughts to the following example answer: The gospel impacts us regularly by reminding us of our daily need for the grace Jesus bought for us on the cross and giving us hope in finding victory over sin in our life. You will most likely need to direct your student(s) to the answer in the end.

EXAMPLE OF GOSPEL TRANSFORMATION IN PAUL

- Discuss: **What do you know about the apostle Paul's story?**
- Read **Acts 9:1-20** together and discuss: **How did Paul's life start to look different from this day forward?**
- Encourage you students by helping them know that if God could change Paul then He certainly can change us!

IDENTIFY GOSPEL TRANSFORMATION IN YOUR STUDENT'S LIFE

- Take this time to talk about your student(s) gospel experience.
- Start by making a T-chart on a whiteboard. Write "Old Self" in the left column and "New Self". Then, read **Col 1:13, 3:1-17** together and discuss: **What is the difference between who you were before Christ and who you are after Christ? What areas of transformation in this passage have shown up in your own life? How have you recognized and found victory over sin?** As your student(s) shares, write their "Old Self" areas in the left column of the T-chart and their "New Self" areas in the right column of the T-chat. This will help give a visual for the transformation that God is doing in them. You may need to ask follow up questions to help get more out of them.
 - Emphasize how we have been "picked up and moved" from darkness (separation from God) to the light (an eternal relationship with God). Example answers you're looking for from your student(s) are: I stopped desiring and looking at _____, I have more _____ than before, I am less _____ than I once was, etc.

- Once the chart is full, take some time to affirm the gospel transformation that God has already done in your student(s) life during to help them see how the gospel is constantly changing them day to day. Help them understand how the gospel is the source of our sanctification. Jesus made daily transformation possible by defeating the power of sin in our life on the cross.

DISCUSS HOW TO BE REMINDED OF THE GOSPEL DAILY

- Discuss: **How might we go about reminding ourselves of the gospel when reading the Word and in prayer?**
 - Example answer: Look for gospel connections in every portion of Scripture we are reading. In every time of prayer, thank God for the good news of Jesus – how He died for you, rose again, provides grace daily, and gives you hope.
- End this time by discussing any other ways you think your student(s) can be constantly reminding themselves of the gospel. Maybe it's a unique way in which you go about it? Or a way that would be a particularly good fit for your student?

LIFESTYLE BUILDING BLOCK

- Provide your student(s) with the book "Gospel Primer" by Milton Vincent (we will provide these as a student(s) ministry for you – just ask for a copy when you get to this discipleship guide). Encourage the student(s) to read through the short devotionals on a regular basis that fits their schedule.

DISCUSS REQUIRED HOMEWORK:

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CLOSE IN PRAYER

- Read **Philippians 1:6** together and spend time thanking God for power of His Word and Holy Spirit to regularly change our lives.

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