

We Are Centered on the Gospel

***Hello My Name Is* series**

Discussion Questions

Intro Questions

1. Think about a time you really wanted to change something about yourself — a habit, a relationship pattern, a sin struggle. What did you try, and how did it go?
2. Growing up, what was your experience with church? How did they talk about the Gospel? Was the Gospel just for the beginning of the Christian life, or did impact all of it?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-4

3. The church in Corinth was a mess — division, sin, dysfunction — and yet Paul says the Gospel is "of first importance." What does that tell us about how Paul believed change actually happens?
4. What do we mean when we say that the Gospel is primarily "news"?
5. Paul describes the Gospel as impacting your past ("which you received"), your present ("in which you stand"), and your future ("by which you are being saved"). In what ways does it do this?

Reflection / Application

6. What's the difference between *advice* and *news*? What type of emotional response does *Advice* invoke within people? And what type of emotional response does *Good News* invoke within people?
7. Why is it important to remember that because of what Jesus has done "Identity" comes before "Activity"? that we work from our holiness, and not for our holiness?
8. The 8 practices are not a list of ways to become a better person. They are practices designed to invite us to surrender, so that we might more deeply believe and become the type of people God created us to be. How does engaging with the 8 practices help more deeply embrace the Gospel story?
9. What story have you been hearing? Do more? Try harder? In what areas of your life do you need to be reminded that the King has won?