



Community Group Guide

“The Gospel in Us and Through Us”

Week of January 3

Check-in

1. What lessons did you learn from your time in the Word this week?
 2. Who did you share the gospel with?
 3. What has God done in your life that's encouraging over the past week?
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Scripture

Read *Colossians 1:9-14*

Key Point From Message

Three things Paul prays:

- That we would be captivated by Christ
- That we would be compelled by Christ
- That we would remember that we're complete in Christ

Other Scripture Referenced: *Colossians 1:1-8; Ephesians 1:9; Romans 6:3-4*

Discipleship Group Framework

D-group discussions in smaller gender-specific groups help to reveal our blind spots to sin. If this week is a D-group week, the discussions should be focused on confession of sin, providing accountability, and encouraging each other to live in the gospel. Focus on the questions under the “Discover” section and how this week’s Scripture relates to our lives.

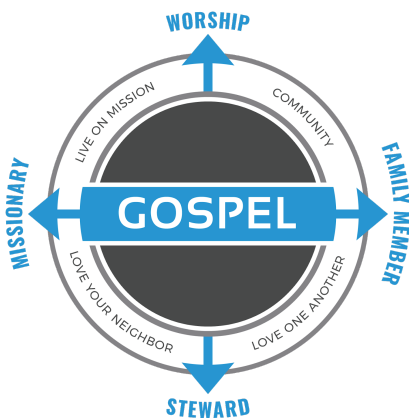


Image Church Core Values

When the gospel defines our lives it should impact everything we do. Living by the gospel should cause us to:

- Grow towards God through daily worship
- Love one another by gathering as family members
- Mobilize as missionaries for God’s kingdom
- Be more generous stewards as we leverage our time, talents, and treasures for Christ.

As we study and discuss the text from this week evaluate how you can grow in each of these four areas.

Discover

1. What stands out to you in this passage of Scripture?
2. What does the text say about the character and nature of God?
3. What does the text say about the work of God?
4. What does the text say about our identity?
5. How does this change the way we live?

Deepen

1. What challenged you about this week's message?
2. What New Year's resolutions have you made this year?
3. As we start the new year are you more focused on "what's in it for you" this year or "what is God's will" this year?
4. Are you truly captivated by Christ? What else is trying to captivate you?
5. Do other people see you are captivated by Christ based on your interactions with them?
6. Are you being captivated by Christ and letting this compel you to do good works; or are you trying to compel yourself into being captivated by Him?
7. How can you show others who are looking to find completeness through relationships, employment, or identity that the only way to truly be complete is in Christ?
8. Do you need to pray and ask God to be captivated and compelled by Christ today?

Action Step

A new year is exciting because it's a chance for us to start over in different areas of our lives. Eating healthier, exercising more, or trying to start a new hobby are all good things. No matter what change we make in our lives, nothing except Jesus can change the fact that we are sinful people. How as a group can you encourage each other to be captivated, compelled, and remember you are complete in Christ? How as a group can you encourage others outside your community group? Discuss how you can remind each other of the love of God when trials arise throughout the year.

Memory Verse

⁹For this reason also, since the day we heard this, we haven't stopped praying for you. We are asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, ¹⁰so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, so that you may have great endurance and patience, joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the saints' inheritance in the light.

-Colossians 1:9-12 (CSB)
