



CULTIVATING A HEART CAPTIVATED WITH JESUS

**CENTRE CHURCH  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2021**

*WEEK 5: GOSPEL*

*LUKE 4:16-21, 42-44*

**MESSAGE SUMMARY**

*Heart Habits looks at the beginning of Jesus' ministry in Luke 4, exploring habits and disciplines Jesus engaged in to maintain a healthy heart in the midst of the chaos surrounding him. These same habits will help Christians cultivate a heart captivated with Jesus even in the midst of uncertain times. This message looks at how Jesus practiced the heart habit of gospel.*

**What is the heart habit of gospel?** *The heart habit of gospel is joining God on His mission to redeem humanity by sharing Jesus with everyone, everywhere.*

**Where do we see gospel in the life of Jesus (Luke 4)?**

*<sup>16</sup> He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup> and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:*

*<sup>18</sup> "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, <sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."*

*<sup>20</sup> Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. <sup>21</sup> He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." Luke 4:16-21*

*<sup>42</sup> At daybreak, Jesus went out to a solitary place. The people were looking for him and when they came to where he was, they tried to keep him from leaving them. <sup>43</sup> But he said, "I must proclaim the good news of the*



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*kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent."*<sup>44</sup> *And he kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea. Luke 4:42-44*

### **What's so powerful about gospel?**

*The gospel is the mission.*

*The gospel is where God is moving.*

*Compassion + Gospel = Expands the Kingdom*

*The gospel makes you a more fully-devoted disciple.*

*Humility + Gospel = Empowered through the Spirit.*

*C - Captivated with Jesus*

*E - Empowered through the Spirit*

*N - Nourished by Scripture*

*T - Trained in gifting*

*R - Revitalizes believers*

*E - Expands the Kingdom*

### **How do you practice the heart habit of gospel?**

*Show the gospel.*

*Share the gospel. (Begin with prayer, Listen with care, Eat meals with them, Sacrificially serve them, Share your Jesus story)*



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## WEEK 5: GOSPEL D-GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

### GET TO KNOW YOU

*Start with your Jesus story. How were you introduced to Jesus and your need for him? Who shared Jesus with you? Who did you see live out the gospel in front of you?*

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. As you've focused on your heart over the past five weeks through this study, what have you learned? Would you say your heart is in a good place? Is it in a better place than when you finished 2020?*
- 2. Read Luke 4:42-44. Jesus knew his mission and his calling to proclaim the gospel. It was why he was sent. Think about where you work or an organization you are a part of. What is the mission of your organization? How can the organization get distracted from its mission?*
- 3. Pastor Josh talked about the danger of distracted driving and compared it to the danger of living a distracted life. What are the things that can tend to distract you the most and why?*
- 4. Look at the six characteristics of a fully-devoted disciple of Jesus (Message Notes). Which one stands out to you, one area in which you want to see growth in this next year?*
- 5. Assignment: Talk through the BLESS method of sharing your faith in Jesus with others (Message Notes). Finish your time by sharing folks that you can pray for, and pray for them together.*

**Finish your time together with prayer. If you would like Centre Church to pray for anything in particular for you, let your D-Group Leader know.**

# D-GROUP LEADERS INFORMATION

*D-Groups are online, sermon-based discussion groups at Centre Church. Whether you're a lifelong member of Centre Church or a joining us online from around the world, D-Groups are your opportunity to discuss Sunday's message, develop your faith and grow as a disciple of Jesus.*

## WHAT ARE MY RESPONSIBILITIES AS A D-GROUP LEADER?

*There are four main things we ask you be responsible for as a D-Group Leader:*

- 1. Lead the D-Group discussion.** *Everyone should have watched (or heard) the message prior to the D-Group meeting and discussion questions are already provided. Your task is to facilitate the conversation, to make people feel welcome, to keep things flowing in the right direction.*
- 2. Pray for your D-Group members by name daily.** *During your time together, God can do mighty things in the lives of your D-Group members (and yours as well). It is your privilege to pray for your members by name daily, asking God to move mightily in their lives.*
- 3. Identify and encourage a next step for your D-Group members.** *Every person has a next step in their relationship with Jesus. Look for next steps your D-Group members might take in their faith and encourage them in those. Examples of next steps are listed in FAQs.*
- 4. Connect your D-Group with Centre Church.** *Centre Church wants to come alongside to strengthen and encourage your D-Group. If you haven't already, register your D-Group with Centre Church so that we can follow up with you, keep up with attendance through the links provided, and pass on any prayer requests and feedback to Centre Church staff for follow-up.*

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

*What online platform do I use to host the D-Group meeting? Whatever platform is the most comfortable for you to use. There are both paid (e.g. Zoom) and free (e.g. Google Hangouts) options available. Set up the meeting and share the link with your D-Group members. If you'd like to open up your D-Group, you can also publicize your group through Centre Church and we will provide a Microsoft Teams video link you can use for no charge.*

*How long does a D-Group last? D-Groups are designed to be short-term groups that last as long as the sermon series or Bible study lasts. These short-term groups allow people to meet new people and study new topics without a long-term commitment. If your D-Group wants to continue to meet after the series or Bible study is over, your group can convert to a Community Group, which is a long-term group that meets either online or in person.*

*What are some examples of next steps? A person surrendering their life to Jesus, getting baptized, taking the Next Steps Track, partnering with Centre Church (church membership), giving financially, serving as a volunteer, meeting with a pastor, going on a mission trip, plugging into a long-term Community Group.*

*What do I contact if I need help? If you have any questions or need some help with your D-Group, please contact [abigail.parker@cbcva.org](mailto:abigail.parker@cbcva.org) and she will get you the help you need!*