

Values
What is Important to Us?
Week 02: Discipleship

Scripture

Various

Series

Week 1: The Scriptures (*The Holy Spirit of God and the Word of God enable us to do the will of God*)

Week 2: Discipleship (*Every member a minister of the Gospel*)

Week 3: One Another (*Together we can do more*)

Week 4: Missions (*Do for one what we wish we could do for all*)

Week 5: Relationships (*The larger we grow, the smaller we must grow*)

Motivation (Why They Need to Know It)

The second key to accomplish this is **Discipleship** (become disciple/make disciples)

Every member a minister of the Gospel (We gather to scatter)

God has positioned you for the purpose of *demonstrating* and *speaking* the gospel.

Why is demonstrating and speaking the gospel important?

- Everybody spends forever somewhere
- Saved people don't stay silent
- God's patience won't last forever

Information (What They Need to Know)

Three Desires of those who want to see the Gospel spread...

Desire #1: A desire for people to accept the gospel

- We should desire people to join the family of God
Romans 10:1 (NLT) Dear brothers and sisters, the longing of my heart and my prayer to God is for the people of Israel to be saved.
- We should desire people to stop trying to earn God's favor through good works
Romans 10:3 (NLT) For they don't understand God's way of making people right with himself. Refusing to accept God's way, they cling to their own way of getting right with God by trying to keep the law.

Desire #2: A desire to understand and explain the gospel

“The **gospel** is the good news that God who is holy and just, looked with grace and mercy on our sin, and in His great love sent His Son to proclaim and establish His Kingdom. Jesus came to sacrificially and selflessly die for us so that, by His death, resurrection and power, we could receive new and eternal life. It is through Jesus that sin is forgiven, people are reconciled to God, and the world will one day be made new.” – Shawn Kennedy

Romans 10:9 (NLT) If you *confess* with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and *believe* in your heart that God raised him from the dead, *you will be saved*. **10** For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved. **11** As the Scriptures tell us, “Anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced.” **12** Jew and Gentile are the same in this respect. They have the same Lord, who gives generously to all who call on him. **13** For “*Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*”

- **Confession** with the mouth has two aspects:
 - ✓ Confession of sin (I’m a sinner)
 - ✓ Confession of Jesus as Savior (I acknowledge Jesus as my Lord and Savior)
- **Belief** in the gospel is...
 - ✓ His death for sin
 - ✓ His bodily burial
 - ✓ His resurrection for the assurance of new and eternal life
- **Salvation** is available to all who call on the Lord to forgive them

The message of the gospel can also be presented through John 3:16...

“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.”

- God Loves Sinners
- God Gave Sinners a Savior
- We Believe in the Savior, Jesus Christ
- We Receive Eternal Life through Jesus Christ

Desire #3: A desire to be responsible with the gospel

- The Holy Spirit convicts a person of sin, righteousness, and judgment
John 16:7 (NLT) But in fact, it is best for you that I go away, because if I don't, the Advocate won't come. If I do go away, then I will send him to you. **8** And when he comes, he will convict the world of its sin, and of God's righteousness, and of the coming judgment. **9** The world's sin is that it refuses to believe in me.
- Those who follow Christ are responsible for speaking the gospel
Romans 10:14 (NLT) But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?

2 Corinthians 5:18 (NLT) ...And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. **19** For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. **20** So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!"

Application (What They Need to Do)

How can every member be a minister of the gospel?

- **Your Part**
 - ✓ "Practice" in your church
 - ✓ Write a letter (explain the gospel and how God has changed your life)
 - ✓ Meet someone over coffee
 - ✓ Develop relationships and interact with friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers
 - ✓ Use every opportunity to do good and speak when given the chance
- **Our Part (the church)**
 - ✓ Preach the Gospel
 - ✓ Teach the Scriptures
 - ✓ Equip the Church