

DISCIPLESHIP RESOURCES

DISCUSSION GUIDES

EVERY MONDAY

Discussion Guide Sunday Sermon 5.31.26



Part 26: The Gospel Above All

This guide is designed to help your family or group take what was taught on Sunday and move from simply hearing the information to applying it in ways that build up and encourage one another. Feel free to adjust the depth and number of questions based on your time and the size of your group.

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OPENING PRAYER

Icebreaker Question: Share about a time when you were reminded of something important that you had forgotten or taken for granted. How did that reminder change your perspective or actions?

Key Sermon Summary

Paul reminds the Corinthian church—and us—that amidst all the issues they faced, the gospel must remain at the center of everything. The gospel isn't just for unbelievers; it's something believers need to constantly remember and stand in. The sermon covered three essential aspects of the gospel:

1. **The Plea of the Gospel** - Receive it and hold firm to it
 2. **The Proclamation of the Gospel** - What it declares (Christ died, was buried, rose again, and was seen)
 3. **The Power of the Gospel** - It produces humility and motivation
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Discussion Questions

Section 1: The Plea of the Gospel

Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-2

1. What's the difference between "receiving" the gospel (past tense) and "standing" in the gospel (present tense)? Why is this distinction important?
2. Andrew mentioned that many people have had an experience or prayed a prayer but never truly transferred their trust to Jesus. How would you explain what it means to truly "receive" the gospel to someone who's confused about this?
3. The sermon listed four signs of standing in the gospel:
 - Sin loses its attractiveness
 - Guilt and shame have no place
 - Pride loses its place
 - Division loses its power
4. Which of these resonates most with you right now? Which one do you struggle with most?

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Section 2: The Proclamation of the Gospel

Read 1 Corinthians 15:3-8

5. Why is it significant that Paul emphasizes Christ died "for our sins" rather than just that He died? How does this make the gospel personal?
6. Andrew said, "If Christ's death is the payment for our sins, then the resurrection is the receipt." What does this mean to you? Why does the resurrection matter so much?
7. Paul mentions over 500 witnesses who saw the resurrected Christ. How does the historical evidence for Christianity strengthen your faith? How might this be helpful when sharing your faith with skeptics?
8. The phrase "according to the Scriptures" appears twice in this passage. What does this tell us about God's plan and the reliability of the gospel message?

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Section 3: The Power of the Gospel

Read 1 Corinthians 15:9-11

9. Paul calls himself "the least of the apostles" and "not worthy." Yet he also says he "labored more abundantly than they all." How do you reconcile these two statements? What does this teach us about gospel-centered humility?
 10. The word "labored" means "to be fatigued to the point of weariness due to hard work." The pastor asked, "What about us? Has comfort made us lazy?" How would you honestly answer that question about your own spiritual life?
 11. The sermon challenged us: "Why are we more competitive at hobbies, jobs, and sports than we are against the enemy?" What do you think causes this disconnect? What would it look like to be "competitive against the enemy" in a healthy way?
 12. **Group Discussion:** What are some practical ways we can keep the gospel at the center of our lives throughout the week, not just on Sundays?
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Key Takeaways

- The gospel is not just for unbelievers; believers need to constantly remember and stand in it
 - Receiving the gospel is a past event; standing in the gospel is a present, ongoing reality
 - The gospel proclaims that Christ died for our sins, was buried, rose again, and was seen by many witnesses
 - The gospel produces both humility (recognizing what we were saved from) and motivation (being compelled by God's grace)
 - Setting our minds on the gospel is the greatest motivator for Christian living and service
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Practical Applications

This Week's Challenge:

Choose **ONE** of the following to practice this week:

1. **Daily Gospel Meditation:** Spend 5-10 minutes each morning reading and meditating on 1 Corinthians 15:1-11. Journal about one aspect of the gospel that stands out to you each day.
 2. **Examine Your Heart:** Honestly assess which area you're struggling with:
 - Habitual sin that still attracts you
 - Guilt and shame you're carrying
 - Pride in your spiritual life
 - Division you're causing or participating in
 3. Confess this to God and one trusted person, and ask for accountability.
 4. **Gospel Conversations:** Share the gospel (using 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 as a guide) with at least one person this week—either a believer who needs encouragement or an unbeliever who needs to hear it.
 5. **Labor for the Lord:** Identify one area where you've become comfortable or lazy in your faith. Take one specific action this week that requires effort and sacrifice for God's kingdom.
 6. **Gratitude Practice:** Each day, write down one specific thing about the gospel you're grateful for. Share these with the group next time you meet.
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Accountability & Prayer

Share & Pray:

1. Which application will you commit to this week?
2. What's one specific prayer request related to standing firm in the gospel?
3. Is there anyone you need to reconcile with or confess something to?

Close in prayer:

- Thank God for the gospel
- Pray for each other's specific commitments and challenges
- Ask God to help you stand firm in the gospel throughout the week