



THE CHURCH - God's Local Mission // SERIES OVERVIEW

We believe that the Church is a sign, symbol and instrument of the kingdom of God, for the glory of God and good of all humanity in the world. This universal Church is also comprised of local congregations of God's people committed to be witnesses of God, make disciples, and plant churches within their specific community. Each local church, therefore, is a local people on a local mission, united by faith to proclaim, display, and preserve the gospel of the one and only crucified and risen King Jesus in their community. With the risen Jesus, the local church is compelled to love, serve, and meet the needs of people all around them and in accordance with God's timing and Spirit-led empowerment, persuade their friends, co-workers, and neighbors to respond to the finished work of Jesus through repentance and faith. This is the beauty of gospel living: God's people, in God's place, living and proclaiming God's gospel for the glory of Jesus and the good of their community!

DATE	WEEK	PASSAGE	TITLE
6/4/23	1	1 Peter 2:9-10	Proclaiming the Gospel
6/11/23	2	1 Peter 2:11-12	Displaying God's Glory
6/18/23	3	1 Timothy 3:14-15	Preserving the Gospel
6/25/23	4	Romans 10:13-15	Going with the Gospel

GC STUDY GUIDE QUESTIONS

1. Read the passage for this week together as a Gospel Community.
2. What do you first see or observe in this passage that stands out to you? Look for words, themes, or phrases that might tell us something about what the biblical author is saying.
3. If you could summarize it, what is this passage teaching us about God's design for the local church?
4. Where have you seen the local church celebrate this? Where have you seen the local church miss it?
5. What is keeping *you* from joyfully participating in this call within our own local church at Gospel Life?
6. What good news do you see in this passage that might change *your* heart and compel *you* to join this mission at Gospel Life in a new way?
7. What is an action step you can take to put feet to your faith and participate in this aspect of the local church's mission?