



## PEOPLE REACHING PEOPLE SERIES – 04

### THE MESSAGE OF A GOD-CENTERED GOSPEL

*The God-Centered Gospel Presentation Emphasizes  
God's Glory And Man's Sinfulness.*

The gospel is the "good news" that God provides forgiveness of sin and salvation from eternal punishment through Jesus Christ.

The gospel is confrontational. It calls sinners to repentance.

It calls unbelievers to turn from their own efforts for salvation and submit to Christ's lordship.

Sadly, people proclaim "a different gospel" (Galatians 1:6-7).

However, the true gospel is distinct. Let's examine the difference.

#### **A. The God-Centered Message Proclaims God's Holiness.**

Scripture proclaims God's holiness.

He is absolutely perfect, without any sin at all. *1 Samuel 2:2*

Because He is holy, He will punish sin. *Psalms 50:4; Romans 6:23*

Yet His love provides the only means of salvation and forgiveness of sin.  
*John 3:16; 1 John 4:16*

#### **Remember...**

*Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to constantly apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil. 2:12-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; James 1:22-27).*

*As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:*

*How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?*

*How can I accomplish this change?*

*What is the first step toward bringing about this change?*

## **B. The God-Centered Message Reveals Man's Sinful Condition.**

All sin is against God. Every person, no matter how loving, kind, or moral he may appear to be, is a sinner in rebellion against God. *Rom 3:10, 23*

People were designed and created to have fellowship with God, but our sin separates us from Him and breaks that relationship. *Isa. 59:2*

## **C. The God-Centered Message Declares Christ As Savior And Lord.**

**As Savior**, Christ lived a sinless human life, paid the penalty of sin on the cross, and conquered sin and death.

**As Lord**, He was resurrected and established as ruler over every aspect of life and every dynamic of creation.

His rule as Lord cannot be separated from His role as Savior.

*Romans 10:9-10; 1 Corinthians 15:4; 2 Corinthians 5:21*

## **D. The God-Centered Message Calls Sinners To Repent And Believe In Christ.**

Once the Holy Spirit enables a person to understand his desperate need for salvation through Jesus Christ, the unbeliever must respond in genuine repentance.

Genuine Repentance: (1) turning from sin (2) submitting to Christ.

## **E. The God-Centered Message Proclaims God Himself As The Great End Of The Gospel.**

The ultimate goal of the gospel **is not** man and his deliverance from the penalty for sin.

*1. God's chief end in salvation is His own glory.*

*Isaiah 43:25; 1 John 2:12; Ephesians 1:3-14; Ephesians 2:4-7*

*2. The sinner's greatest benefit in salvation is God Himself.*

*1 Peter 3:18; John 17:3; 2 Thessalonians 2:14*