



**What is the gospel?** Every religion teaches about man chasing after God. The gospel says that God came chasing after us. I am not the primary agent; God is the primary agent. I am the problem. God is the solution. The gospel highlights not my worthiness, but my unworthiness. The gospel highlights Christ's worthiness, and then it talks about how in Christ, through His Spirit, by His power, the most amazing things begin to happen.

**These questions are intended to deepen your experience of the message. Use them for your personal or family study time, or with an open Bible as you share the good news with your neighbor.**

Group Introduction:

"What makes a good headline?"

**THE GOSPEL AS HEADLINE.** Read **Psalm 40:9**; **Mark 1:1**. Gospel means "good news" and it has a history (before the New Testament). It was used to announce how the whole world would be different—for the better—now that Caesar is on the throne. Discuss how the gospel is the headline, the lens through which you see everything in the world.

**THREE TRUTHS ABOUT THE GOSPEL.** Read **Luke 2:10**; **1 Thess 1:8-10**; **1 Cor 15:1-11**; **Rom 5:6-11**. The gospel is a declaration (announcement) that brings tremendous joy to the world about what God has done in Christ to rescue, restore, and reconcile all things through His spirit. Discuss.

**YOUR ONE THING.** Gary Keller's book "The One Thing" claims the secret to success in life is intentional focus on one thing—one main thing (overall, and at a time). How is the gospel meant to be our "one thing"?

**REFLECTION:**

How is this view of the "gospel" different from what you thought?

How is the gospel liberating, freeing, and meaningful?

How do you think the gospel might inform all the areas of your life?