

Why Should the Gospel be a Priority for Us?

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GETTING STARTED

What would you say are your top three priorities in your life right now? *Why?*

OVERVIEW

The gospel is good news for everyone, but sometimes we forget that and unintentionally keep the gospel for ourselves. If we really understood how much the gospel changes lives and gets results, then we would be more eager to share the gospel with those who do not know Jesus. In this message, we are reminded that the gospel (and sharing it) should be a priority in our lives.

DIG DEEPER

1. What impacted you most from the sermon this week?
2. **Read Colossians 1:3-8:** How would you define the *gospel* in a sentence or two?
 - What Scripture passage(s) would you turn to when explaining/sharing the gospel?
 - What does it mean for the gospel to “bear fruit”? (See **Matthew 13:18-23**)
 - How have you seen the gospel bear fruit in your own life?
3. **Read 2 Corinthians 5:18-21:** What is *our* role in the gospel? What is *God’s* role?
 - Why do you think God “entrusted us” with the message of the gospel?
 - Why do you think God “makes His appeal *through* us”?

APPLY

4. Charles Spurgeon said, “Every Christian is either a missionary or he is an imposter.”
 - Do you agree with this statement? *Why or why not?*
 - What is the difference between being a full-time missionary/evangelist and sharing the gospel as a part of being an ordinary Christian?
5. If we believe the gospel changes lives, why do we find it so hard to share the gospel?
 - What are some common excuses for not prioritizing sharing the gospel?
6. **Read Romans 10:14-17:** What are you doing so that others can *hear* the gospel?
 - What are some simple ways you can prioritize sharing the gospel with others?
7. Think of one person you know who does not follow Christ or understand the gospel: prioritize praying for an opportunity to share the gospel with them *this week*.