

Series Title: 'Gospel Centred Living'

Primary Aim: *This series focuses on the gospel; what is it and how it affects our lives on a day by day basis. In the words of Jerry Bridges we will ask 'how we can preach the gospel to ourselves day by day?' What is Gospel Centred Living? Joe Thorn writes: "The gospel-centred life is a life where a Christian experiences a growing personal reliance on the gospel that protects him from depending on his own religious performance and being seduced and overwhelmed by idols."*

1. What is the Gospel?

Passage: Acts 13, 14 & 17, 1 Corinthians 15:1-19

Blurb: Think about how we define the content of gospel; to do this we are going to look at how Paul presented the gospel to different groups of people at The Synagogue in Pisidian Antioch (Act 13:14-52), Uncultured Pagans (Acts 14:8-18) and Cultured Pagans (Acts 17:16-31). This session will help broaden our perspective of the good news about Jesus Christ.

2. The Gospel in all its forms: Gospel of the Cross and the Kingdom

Passages: Mark 10:17-34, John 3, 17 & Romans 3

Blurb: How do we reconcile the tension between the broadest sense of the gospel (gospel of the Kingdom) and the narrower sense of the gospel (the gospel of the cross)? What are the implications of the different "forms" of the gospel?

3. The Passion of the Christ

Passages: Mark 14-15, Isaiah 53

Blurb: A journey through the depiction of the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus at Calvary in Isaiah and the gospels. Consider the centrality of the cross to the good news of the gospel.

4. The Achievement of the Cross

Passages: Romans 1-8

Blurb: A journey through the New Testament writers description of what the cross has achieved for us in Christ Jesus; looking at the concepts of propitiation, redemption, justification and reconciliation

5. Not ashamed of the Gospel

Passages: 1 Corinthians 1-2, Romans 1:16

Blurb: The message of the cross is going to be a stumbling block to some and foolishness to the rest; it's going to sound like nonsense. How do we make sure that we keep the cross at the centre of the gospel so that like Paul even in the face of sure rejection we can say "we preached Christ crucified"?

6. Transformed by the Gospel: Preaching the Gospel to ourselves daily

Passages: Galatians 5:1-15

Blurb: "The gospel is not just the "A-B-C" but the "A-to-Z" of the Christian life. The gospel is not just the way to enter the kingdom, but is the way to address every problem and is the way to grow at every step." What then does it mean to preach the gospel to ourselves daily and be transformed daily?

7. The Gospel of Glory: We shall be like Him

Passages: 2 Corinthians 4-5, 1 John 1:1-3

Blurb: Thinking about the implications of the glorious gospel of Christ for eternity; what it means to be resurrected from the dead, transformed to the likeness of Christ and what the good news of the gospel means for us in God's glorious new creation. How does this glorious future impact us now?