





WHY STUDY THE GOSPEL?

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Watch the Session 1 video titled “*Why Study The Gospel?*”

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What is your definition of The Gospel?
2. In what ways might we be tempted to condense or minimize the Gospel? Why do you think we are tempted to do this?
3. Have you ever heard the Gospel described in one of the narrow ways that Pastor Steve described?
4. How have you heard the word “Gospel” defined in the past?



READ

Read: *Mark 1:14-17 and Matthew 4:12-17*



READING QUESTIONS

- What is the good news (or “gospel”) Jesus proclaimed in these passages?
- What do you imagine it might have been like for those who heard Jesus proclaim, “the Kingdom has come near?”
- What questions would you have asked Jesus about this “good news?”

Read: *Galatians 1:1-9*

Paul is clearly very concerned about the integrity of the Gospel; concerned for those turning from it and fervently opposed to those preaching “alternative” gospels, which are really no gospel at all.

Paul states he's astonished that they quickly deserted the one who called them to live in the grace of Christ and turned to a different gospel.



READING QUESTIONS

- What does Paul's description of their problem tell us about his view of the Gospel?
- Why is Paul so adamant about the Gospel's integrity?
- How might even well-intentioned people be tempted to distort the Gospel?



FOR DISCUSSION NEXT SESSION

In response to what we've heard and discussed today, take some time over the next week to write down your “first ideas” about how you would define the Gospel.

