

# The Gospel Changes Everything *Small Group Discussion*

## **NINE RECONSIDERING “YOU DO YOU” /THE LANGUAGE OF LOVE/GOSPEL LISTENING**

### **DISCUSSION OVERVIEW**

This discussion will look at the idea of living an individual life, yet looking outward to listen and love others well, thanks to the work of the gospel in our life.

### **SERIES OVERVIEW**

Why have so many efforts to change our world proven ineffective, or even destructive? What does it mean to be a faithful presence of Christ in this world? This series will explore how the church can play a role in affecting positive change. The gospel, rather than politics or worldly power or wealth or social media or reclusiveness, changes everything.

### **POSSIBLE FURTHER DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- What does scripture say?
- What does culture say?
- Which voices are speaking to you too quietly or too loudly?
- Where does Christ come into play / redeem this?
- How is this issue helping or hindering human flourishing?
- Where is the hope misplaced here?
- How can you lean into gospel power vs. weight of this issue?
- How does this affect our small group?
- How can you be a faithful presence in your life?

**LOOK** *What do we see around us and in our lives?*

**When was the last time you were with a great listener? How did you feel leaving that conversation?**

**BOOK** *What does Scripture say about this?*

### **Proverbs 18:13**

<sup>13</sup>To answer before listening—that is folly and shame.

### **Isaiah 30:21**

<sup>21</sup> Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, “This is the way; walk in it.”

### **Philippians 2:1-4**

<sup>1</sup> Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, <sup>2</sup> then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, <sup>4</sup> not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

### **James 1:19**

<sup>19</sup> My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry

### **1 Corinthians 1:18**

<sup>18</sup> For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

### **How does the gospel call us to more than simply a “me-centric” lifestyle?**

*Potential answers: the gospel offers us life, we are called to listen, we can care for others in the same mind as Christ did, etc.*

### **How do we as a small group do this well? Where are areas of growth we can work on together?**

*Potential answers: our accountability time is amazing! Checking in with each other midweek is always an honest conversation. We could do a better job letting everyone’s voice be heard. Our midweek check in is lacking depth.*

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## **Story of the Good News of Jesus.**

### **Creation**

*God makes all things and they are good*

### **Fall**

*God's people turn away from God, things are broken. Death and sin rule over all things.*

### **Redemption**

*God, through Jesus' death and resurrection, rescues his people and defeats death and sin.*

### **Restoration**

*Jesus returns to be with his people, end all brokenness, and make all things right.*

## **THE GOSPEL** *The Good News of Jesus*

**We see Jesus listen & care for others vs. simply putting his glory in the forefront – how can we do that in our daily lives?**

*Potential answers: remain grounded in His word, pray for humility, set aside preferences, encourage others more than we criticize them, listen well, etc.*

**Which aspects of your self-promotion, self-sufficiency or self-reliance do you need more of Jesus' power to take control over this week?**

*Answers will vary.*

**How will you challenge yourself to be a better listener this week?**

*Answers will vary.*

## **Accountability/Reflection**

*Share together and pray for each other*

**TOOK** *What will you take away from today's discussion?*

*Possible questions to consider:*

**Consider what God is telling you *stop, start, change, or continue.***

**What part of the gospel do you forget and need to remember this week?**

**Who do you know who needs to know the truth you discussed today?**