

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.

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

¹³To answer before listening—that is folly and shame.

Isaiah 30:21

²¹Whether 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

¹Therefore 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, ²then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

James 1:19

¹⁹My 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

¹⁸For 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?

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

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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?

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

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

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?