

# Small Group Study

## *ICE BREAKER:*

- ⇒ **What is the object of “Give away checkers?”**
- ⇒ **Larry Osborne writes, “I didn’t know it at the time, but my dad was teaching me a powerful lesson about the market-place, marriage, and ministry - because in each of these important areas...those who give away the most end up gaining the most.”**
- ⇒ **Do you agree that those who give the most receive the most?**
- ⇒ **Share a time when you gave a lot and received even more in return.**

**\*\*Leaders, make sure to leave time for BRINGING IT HOME.\*\***

**If running out of time focus on the questions in pink.**

## **MAKING THE INVISIBLE VISIBLE... BY PROCLAIMING JESUS.**

### THE MESSAGE OF THE GOSPEL.

- ⇒ What does “gospel” mean?
  - A. tale
  - B. myth
  - C. good news
  - D. fantasy

### **READ 2 CORINTHIANS 5:9**

- ⇒ Last week we looked at DEATH IS CERTAIN. *According to this verse, what takes place after death?*

### **READ ROMANS 3:23.**

- ⇒ *What is sin?*
- ⇒ *How many people sin?*
- ⇒ *Does all include you?*

### **READ ROMANS 6:23**

- ⇒ *What do we earn (wages) as a result of our sin?*
- ⇒ *Describe this picture of judgment as we stand before God, hoping to get into heaven based on our own goodness.*
- ⇒ *In that moment, will any of our rationalizations, excuses or blaming it on others make a difference? Why not?*
- ⇒ *Does this sound like a pleasant or terrifying experience?*

### **READ JOHN 3:16-18**

- ⇒ *What was God’s motivation in sending His Son?*
- ⇒ *Did Jesus come to save or condemn?*
- ⇒ *Why does the world get this confused at times?*

- ⇒ What does “perish” mean?
- ⇒ According to **John 3:18** - what will be the determining factor in whether we enter into eternal life with God?
- ⇒ What happens if we do not believe that Jesus is the only way?
- ⇒ If a person is condemned...who’s to blame?

### READ 2 CORINTHIANS 5:19, 21

- ⇒ What was God doing through Christ?
- ⇒ How did He do this?

### READ 1 JOHN 2:1

- ⇒ What word picture does John give regarding those who believe in Jesus and call upon Him as Savior and Lord?

Based on these verses, how would you define the gospel in your own words?

### READ 2 CORINTHIANS 5:18 - 19

- ⇒ Who has God given the responsibility of sharing the gospel to?
- ⇒ We have the greatest message in the world, yet few people actually share it. Do you think it’s a lack of confidence...or lack of conviction? What do you think would create more passion and conviction?

- ⇒ Discuss the following quote: “We will never understand God’s will for our lives...until we understand God’s will.”

### READ 2 PETER 3:9

- ⇒ What do we learn about God’s will from this verse?

### READ MATTHEW 28:19-20

- ⇒ What do we learn about God’s will?
- ⇒ Based on these verses do we need to pray for God to show us His will, or do we need to pray for a heart to carry it out?

### EXCUSES AND RATIONALIZATIONS

- ⇒ Which of the following excuses have you given for not sharing the message? Why do they not hold water?

- “I don’t have what it takes.”
- “Evangelism is not my spiritual gift.”
- “I share my faith through my example.”
- “I don’t have time.”

- ⇒ What is the purpose of the church?

- ⇒ What are some good ministries that often become mistaken as or take priority over the purpose of the church?

What would happen if every Christian saw their daily routine as God’s divine appointment for them to share the gospel?

## **BRINGING IT HOME.**

- What is your biggest fear in talking about faith and Jesus?
- What aspect of faith would you be most comfortable talking about?
- Who do you know who is lost? How can you share with them?
- PRAYER TIME: Pray for requests, asking for spiritual healing as well.
- Pray the group would see their life as a divine appointment to share w/others.
- Pray that each one in your group would identify and begin taking their NEXT STEP with God as He works through these opportunities.