

GOSPEL: Kingdom Come Leader MC Guide

Week 4: The Gospel in My Me

Example Timing for evening:

@ 7:00 People arrive, are greeting, mingling while dinner is finalized

@ 7:10-15 Dinner

@ 7:55 Transition to living room / space to converse

@ 8:00-8:55 Discussion

@ 9:00 Dismiss / hangout / post party

Introductions

To start us off, we are going to go around the room and I want everyone to say “your name,” “where you are in life” (working, school, etc) and “What is the best news you have ever received?” (You start, then go around the room sharing clockwise or counter-clockwise. Do NOT popcorn here. We want everyone to speak so they feel comfortable talking, and we want it to end back with you so you can then launch into the first question).

Cast Vision

1. Tonight, we hope you experience deep community and actually maybe even start to build a family
2. This is a safe place for us to explore God and process things together.

Tonight, as we process and share together, here are the rules:

Number 1: There is NO judgement

- Everyone in the room is in a different place on their spiritual journey. Some of us love Jesus and some of us are still figuring out what we believe about Him.
- So we listen well & instead of giving advice or correcting each other, we share examples from our own lives

Number 2: We talk about Jesus often (because we think He is pretty awesome)

60 Second Recap (Do NOT read- speak from you heart)

This spring, CBC College + is walking through a series about the gospel. The hope for us over the next 8 weeks, is that we would learn more about what the gospel is, and how it impacts our lives in the day to day. This begins by immersing ourselves in the culture and story of the gospel that we might become fluent. Tonight we find ourselves talking about what “The Gospel in Me”. Last week’s goal was to examine the symptoms, define the problems, and bring us a diagnosis. This week is designed to be the “cure for what ails you.”

Conversation (Remember // the goal isn't to get through all the questions but to take people on a journey. Trust the Holy Spirit) - Remember that not everyone will be a believer nor will have read the guide; try articulating questions in a way that is accessible to the various backgrounds in your group, and is natural for you as the facilitator. Don't feel pressure to ask all of the questions, the point isn't to get through them all, but to foster genuine conversation. If all you do is sit in question one and Jesus is moving, that is a win!

1. What concepts were new, or especially stood out, from this week's readings? What was difficult from the readings? What questions do you have from the readings?

2. As a group, how would we together describe "submitting our thoughts," and define "confession" and "repentance"?

This week's theme has centered around the methodical deconstruction of disbelief, and reconstructing a right worldview of belief in God, as it relates to specific areas we wrestle with. It's the second week we consider the gospel in ourselves, and it's a vital piece of becoming fluent in the gospel.

3. In what ways are the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5) and the armor of God (Eph. 6) only possible if we see our lives through a gospel lens? Why is it difficult to adopt such a lens?

4. Why is it so easy to miss the "root" of our brokenness and disbelief, and instead try to merely solve or fix the "fruit"? What's the result, both short-term and long-term of stopping at the "fruit" instead of getting to the "root"?

5. Apply the gospel, even to this conversation: sometimes it's hard to get to the root of things. Discuss why it's difficult to "dig beneath the surface," and why it's hard to ask others for help in our own fights for holiness. Consider those reasons, in light of this week's and previous weeks' content.

6. Next week turns to consider "the gospel with us" —our need for each other as we grow in gospel fluency. As you consider that, are there any commitments you group needs to make to each other, as you pursue "regularly rehearsing the gospel" in each other's lives together?

7. Based on the readings, your experiences this week or our discussion, in a sentence, if Jesus were to speak to you, what would he be saying?

8. If that is what Jesus were to say to you, are there any actions that need to be taken today or this week either individually or as a community?

60 Second Wrap up- (Do NOT read)

Tonight has been amazing, thank you so much for being brave and for sharing your thoughts. This has been incredible. We love hearing your different perspectives and learning more about where you've been. We believe that God loves you and longs for you to become fluent in the gospel, that the filter through which you see the world around you would begin to change. Our hope is that each of us, regardless of where we are on our spiritual journey would begin to move from unbelief to belief. I really love getting to do life with you guys!

Well, real quick, I'm going to talk to God and thank Him for this incredible night, I want you to know that if you need prayer for anything specific, please feel free to come share this with me or _____ before you leave here tonight and we would love to pray for you.
(Pray for them! Be brief and not overly-spiritual / Christianese)

Leader Tips //

- Plan a follow up "Hang out" to invite people to Ex: Movie night, bowling, trip to the Pearl. This gives an instant invite and really helps foster community
- Between you and the team, try to get everyone's number, casually and organically and NOT with a sign up sheet before they leave
- Try to have coffee with new people and get to know their story, it's not about events but about the individual
- Memorize the questions. Write the questions in your journal if you think you may forget (don't use your phone)
- Practice the flow of the conversation. Ask the questions in your own words like you are having a conversation and NOT like you are reading from a cue card.
- Don't re-ask a question if people have gotten ahead of you and start to answer.
- Do NOT answer the question, feel free to share but remember, unless it's a personal experience, once you answer people assume you are the authority and the conversation dies.
- Do NOT teach. You are taking people on a journey of self-discovery by asking good questions.
- God, CBC and Pastor Drew have entrusted you to love, lead and shepherd these people. You are NOT leading a discussion but a people. Treat this group like your very own house church that you have been entrusted to pastor. Connect. Engage. And Follow Up. You are shepherding impact that goes way beyond Thursday night.