

# GOSPEL: Kingdom Come Leader MC Guide

## Week 5: The Gospel Around the Table

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 how the gospel applies not only to us personally, it also applies to us corporately. This week’s readings and reflections give

the first three of seven specific practices, designed to help draw our community more strongly together, as we specifically consider the familial nature of our life in Christ.

**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 this week's three ways of rehearsing the gospel with each other? Which of the ways was most meaningful to you? Which seems the most difficult for you? Why? This week's Readings and Reflections have taken us a few steps into deeper life together. Even over the past several weeks' Group meetings, we have been reminded that God has made us into a people, and that we are called to be devoted to each other, and use our own gifts, skills, perspectives, and knowledge and love of God for each others' sake.
3. Considering Reflection #1, what are some ways that you have been intentional with the meals you eat, and/ or what are some ways you came up with to be even more intentional? Who have you felt compelled to invite to your table and why?
4. Considering Reflection #2, does anyone have any negative views or history with the Lord's Supper that we can help you work through? How can we speak the gospel into that? (If not, simply spend some time discussing how the Lord's Supper is both a remembrance and a declaration of Jesus' death and resurrection)
5. Considering Reflection #3, can each person share at least one area you defined Jesus as "the Better..." in comparison to the human version of that relationship? Are there any areas in which anyone needs help seeing how Jesus is "the Better..." of any of those relationships?
6. Especially in light of this week's community-focused theme, are there any commitments your 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.