

# GOSPEL: Kingdom Come Leader MC Guide

## Week 1: Gospel Fluency

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1. Based on the readings this week or on your previous experiences, how would you define unbelief, the idea that everyone is an unbeliever?

2. How would you define being fluent in the gospel?

A key concept from Reading #3 is this: "Language fluency requires immersion into a community of people who speak the language constantly. Gospel fluency requires immersion into a community of people so saturated with the gospel of Jesus Christ that they just can't stop speaking the truths of Jesus wherever they go and in whatever situations they find themselves."

3. What would you say that our community fluent in? What is the "language" that we speak?

4. What are some barriers, temptations, and lies that may exist both personally and as a family that keep us from believing God (being gospel fluent)? Where do we not believe God?

5. Are there any commitments we can make together in light of this, as we pursue "gospel immersion" together? What would it look like for our community to move from unbelief to belief?

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1. Based on the readings this week or on your previous experiences, how would you define "The Gospel"? - *\*lead towards an understanding of the story of God (I.e creation, fall, redemption, new creation)*

- How would you describe
  - Creation
  - Fall
  - Redemption
  - New Creation

2. Where do we see the pieces of the Story of God being retold and experienced in everyday life?

3. Has anyone's definition of the gospel, Fluency, or being gospel fluent changed over this week? How has it deepened/expanded?

The simple fact is that each of us has blind spots as we consider our own lives and relationships with God: those blind spots are often magnified in areas of sin and disbelief.

4. Where has it been difficult to believe God this week/a lie you have believed about him? *(Potential sources of unbelief: 1- We don't believe because we lack the truth about God; 2- We believe lies about God; 3 - We fail to put our faith in what we know to be true of God).*

5. What would it look like to move from unbelief to belief? How can we as a community come alongside you in that?

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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 the three things we battle, explain why the gospel is "good news," and define "love" (specifically as it relates to Jesus)?

Much of this week has been about the life of the mind: my belief and unbelief; sin, temptation, and accusation I believe; work of the flesh or fruit of the Spirit in me. And remember, this week only brought us to the halfway point of "The Gospel in Me." While next week will give you more practical ways to fight the war of our minds and to take our thoughts captive, use what you've already experienced—from this Handbook and otherwise—to practice helping increase each other's love and affection for Jesus.

3. Looking back over things you circled (not those you starred or wrote) in Reflection #3, share areas of unbelief that God has transformed into belief. Let this be a celebration with your friends, praising and thanking God for helping you know, love, and trust him more.

4. Look back at Reflection #1: what are some of the things you wrote down, that you love and talk about more than Jesus. Discuss why those things are more exciting and appealing to you than Jesus. Ask each other to help you see Jesus as the object of your greatest affection, and to talk about Him more.

5. Apply the gospel, even to this conversation: sometimes even admitting we need help—from God and others—is a difficult "first shot" in the war of the mind. Take a moment and discuss why it's difficult to admit our need for God and others, 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. As we wrap up this week's difficult task of battling for truth, we acknowledge that it can be lonely—or impossible—if we try it alone. 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?



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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"?

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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?

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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?
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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. You don't have to believe in order to belong.
- 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 finding Jesus in God's

story and in your story and how it changes the way we see ourselves, those around us and Jesus himself.

**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. Based on our journey together or your previous experiences, what do you think of when you hear "The Story of God?"
2. We've been talking a lot about "Gospel Fluency" - how would you now describe being gospel fluent? What do you think it means to be Bible fluent and how is it different than being gospel fluent? (It is easy to become Bible fluent without seeing Jesus in the Bible, and without relying on God's gospel work for all that the Bible teaches).
3. Finish the statement: Jesus is the better \_\_\_\_\_?
4. We all have a story, in a short description (1 min version) what's yours?
5. Who is the hero of your story? (Point your people towards we often make ourselves the hero of our own stories rather than Jesus.)
6. How does your story fit within THE story of God? What is the hardest part of identifying your story within his story?
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.