



## The Seven: Gospel

October 29 | Group Discussion Guide

Begin with prayer and an opening question (5 minutes).

Spend a few moments in prayer, thanking God for your time together and asking him to work during your conversation.

Then, ask, "What is a piece of good news you've received lately?" Have everyone share a response.

Break into a smaller group to converse about the sermon and the topic of "gospel" (25 minutes).

- When you were growing up, what was your view of the gospel?
- In what ways did Dan's sermon challenge, confirm, or deepen your understanding of the gospel?
- How would you describe gospel in one word? One sentence? One paragraph?
- If someone were to ask you, "What is the gospel?" what Scripture(s) would you use to explain that? Why those passages?
- Split up the following passages and read them aloud: **Mark 1:1, 14-15; Romans 1:1-4; Galatians 1:6-9; 1 Corinthians 15:1-5; Ephesians 1:11-14, 3:6, 6:18-20; Philippians 1:27.** Be sure to stop after each one is read and ask, "What does this teach me about the gospel?" and share your thoughts.
- As a church, we want to be a place where we proclaim and are formed by the gospel. This means that we desire, as Dan said, to "place our faith in Jesus,

joyfully surrender to his Lordship, and boldly proclaim his good news.” How do faith, surrender, and proclamation relate to one another?

- Which do you struggle with most – faith? Surrender? Proclamation? How so?
- In what ways might growth in the other areas enrich your ability to do the area you find you are lacking in? (For example, how might growth in faith and surrender help you to grow in proclamation? Or, how might growth in proclamation help you grow in your faith? Etc.)

### **Transition back to one large group and discuss (10 minutes).**

Ask a few questions about each person’s time in their smaller groups:

- Which questions did you discuss in your smaller groups? What were some of the things that came from your smaller group discussions? What lingering questions do you have about loving God?
- How is God inviting you to respond after tonight’s discussion?

### **Spend some time praying Psalm 2 as a group (15 minutes).**

Read the following instructions before beginning your prayer time:

- Have someone begin by drawing your group to a place of silence.
- Then, have that person read **Psalm 2** in its entirety.
- Once finished, have the group take words, lines, or phrases from this passage and pray them back to the Lord.

### **Finish with logistics and prayer (5 minutes).**

1. Make sure to inform your group about the study devotions available to help you walk through our church’s seven priorities! You can find that material at [thecreek.org/devotionals](http://thecreek.org/devotionals).
2. Finish your group session with prayer requests and prayer.