

The Gospel in 4 Words

Small Group Discussion Guide

Bottom Line: The gospel changes everything.

Scripture References: John 3:16-17; Ephesians 2:4-5; Matthew 1:21-23; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Luke 24:6-7; Philippians 2:5-11

The gospel is the life-changing act of God to rescue our lives from sin, death, and eternal separation from our Creator. It can be hard to explain what the gospel is, but there are four words that clearly describe what took place to save us. The four words of the gospel are incarnation, crucifixion, resurrection, and coronation. God was willing to become like us to save us. Now He rules with love, wisdom, and justice over us. The gospel changes everything—our past, present, and our future—allow us to have an everlasting relationship with God. **Create meaningful conversation. Adjust questions as needed, and don't feel like you need to answer all of them.**

1. What were your highs and lows from the week?
2. What stuck out to you from the message today?
3. What were the four words used to explain the gospel? What do each of them mean?
4. Why are each of the four words essential to God's rescue plan to save us?
5. Is anything confusing about the gospel?
6. How does the gospel change everything?
7. What does it mean to have faith in Jesus? What does it mean to follow Him and allow Him to be the king of your life?

Dive Deeper

Read Ephesians 2:1-10 as a group.

- How does the writer describe our predicament (vv. 1-3)?
- What does it mean to be made alive and raised with Christ Jesus (vv. 5-6)?
- Why don't good works matter to salvation (vv. 8-9)?
- For what purpose did Jesus save us (v. 10)?

What is your takeaway from our time together?

Prayer: Finish your time in prayer, praising Jesus for what He has accomplished for us.