

- **What is the Gospel?**

- What is a summary of the Gospel?
 - God, Man, Christ, Response (Jn 3:16, Rom 3:23, Rom 6:23, 1 Cor 15:1-4)
- How important is the Gospel?
 - The Gospel is of First Importance in the Scripture (for salvation) (1 Cor 15:1-4)
 - Don Carson: The impact of focusing of the periphery of the Gospel
 - Judges 2:6-15
- What are examples of popular false gospels?
 - We're OK (gravity of sin before holy God)
 - Nominal Christianity (personal response and power transformation)
 - Liberal Christianity (social transformation w/o new life and heart)
 - Prosperity Christianity (confuses life with Christ now and in eternity)
 - Cultural Relevance ("meet people where they are at" w/o full truth)
- How can the Gospel be at the center of a healthy church?
 - Sing, pray, preach, disciple, demonstrate full Gospel frequently

- **Study Guide**

- Memory Verse (2 Cor 5:21)
- Study Questions
 - True or **False**: The Gospel only faces threats from outside the church.
 - Easy believism is characteristic of (Orthodox Christianity / **Nominal** Christianity / Liberal Christianity / None of the above).
 - Christian liberalism emphasizes Christ's (Priestly / **Kingly**) work over his (Kingly / Prophetic / **Priestly**) work.
 - True or **False**: The prosperity gospel is not related to liberal Christianity.
 - The (Transfiguration / Resurrection / **Incarnation** / Atonement) is often used to support the need for the church to be culturally relevant.
 - The Gospel is the (Conclusion / Postscript / Footnote / **Headline**) of the Bible. (1 Cor 15:1-4)
- Conversation Questions
 - How is the gospel at the center of Scripture, the center of our faith, and the center of a healthy church? (1 Cor 15:1-4, Judges 2:6-15)
 - Sing, pray, preach, disciple, demonstrate full Gospel frequently
 - What are the characteristics of those who acknowledge Jesus as Savior but not as Lord? What about those who consider Him Lord but not Savior?
 - Jesus as Savior but not as Lord: Nominal Christianity (personal response and power transformation)
 - Jesus as Lord but not as Savior: Liberal Christianity (social transformation w/o new life and heart)
 - In what ways are the prosperity gospel and liberal Christianity similar to one another?
 - Both emphasize the now vs future experience of life with Christ.
 - Paul rebuked Peter for breaking fellowship with the Gentiles (Gal. 2:11-14). What does this tell us about the gospel?
 - Breaks down social barriers. Church from all nations/traditions.