

Gospel Discussion Questions

Study 6 The Gospel Renewal 1

1. What are the primary motivations for obedience in Christians who rely on moralistic behavioural change or religion? Why doesn't it work and what is the main spiritual problem with this
2. How can we circumvent these two extremes and head back towards a Gospel-centered and God-pleasing living?
3. The apostle Paul uses pictures of the gospel rather than pressure to lead people to change. Look at these passages to see how the pictures of the gospel are used to motivate people into spiritual transformation. (Ephesians 4:31-32; 1 Cor 6:9-11; Col 3:1-6)
4. Look at how the response of the woman to Jesus in the house of Simon is the picture of the gospel in Luke 7:37-50. How is this similar to our response to the gospel.
5. Look at Acts 13 where Paul communicates to Jews and Gentile God-fearers and then Acts 14 where Paul addressed non educated pagans and Acts 17 where Paul addresses philosophers and educated pagans and jot down a few notes about the differences among Paul's gospel presentations. What does this exercise tell you about your own audience's "capacities and beliefs" and how they should shape the way you present and argue for the gospel?