

“The Gospel Demands a Response”

Use this guide as a tool to help you prepare to experience spiritual transformation in a practical way. It is a flexible guide that will help you discover, own, and apply the truths of God’s Word.

Message Summary

The writer of Hebrews had one message for the Hebrew believers of the 1st Century. Jesus is better! Jesus is better than anything they could imagine. He is superior to spiritism, legalism, sacerdotalism, and ritualism. Jesus is superior to all things. The reason? Because Jesus is the Creator who stepped out of heaven into this broken world to bring about redemption to lost humanity. Through His grace we now have confidence in a new life with Him, access to His throne, and confidence in the fact that He not only sustains us but is a better ruler of our lives than ourselves.

This is the heart of the Gospel. But this Gospel not only assures us of eternal life but also unites believers into one body for the purpose of advancing the Kingdom of God. Therefore, this good Gospel demands a response from us. But what kind of response? The writer of Hebrews answers this question. He demonstrates for us that doctrine and duty go together. A life lived “in Christ” is a life lived “for Christ.”

This message is the introduction to a new series titled “The G.O.S.P.E.L. Plan.” The G.O.S.P.E.L. Plan is how New Day Church responds to the Gospel message in everyday life. As we gather to express our faith in worship and confess our hope in community, we will scatter to demonstrate love to the world. The G.O.S.P.E.L. Plan is how we will “show & share” the Gospel in the world throughout everyday life and on mission to the ends of the earth. Each week we will hear a message on a different aspect of the G.O.S.P.E.L. Plan.

As you prepare to meet with your Missional Community examine the questions on the next page and apply them to your life. Determine how you are currently responding to the Gospel. Where do you need to make adjustments? What will be your first step? Through this series it is our hope that you will see that this good Gospel demands a response!

Message Outline

Biblical Understanding of the Gospel (19-21):

- We have confidence in Salvation Through Jesus.
Jesus’ death paid for sin.
Jesus’ resurrection gives new life.
Jesus’ sacrifice gives us access to God.
- We have confidence in the Lordship of Jesus.
Jesus is Creator.
Jesus is Sustainer.
Jesus is Master.

Biblical Response to the Gospel:

1. Let us Express Faith in Worship (22, 25)

To believe the Gospel is to Worship the God of the Gospel

- Worship is Approaching (draw near) God with a Thankful heart
- Worship is Listening to God with Willing hands

To believe the Gospel is to Worship with people Saved by the Gospel

- The Church is strengthened by the mutual gift of God’s grace
- The Church is encouraged by the testimony of God’s grace
- The Church is compelled by the need for God’s grace

Question: How have I believed Gospel by Giving myself to God so He might Use me in the lives of others?

2. Let us Confess Hope in Community (23, 25)

To believe the gospel is to:

- Confess your Hope in the gospel to one another.
- Remind one another of the promise of the Gospel.

Question: How do I regularly confess my hope in the Gospel to others and encourage them to trust the promises of the Gospel?

3. Let us Demonstrate Love in the World (24, 25)

To believe the Gospel is to:

- Stir up the church to live the Gospel.
- Show & Share the Gospel with the World.

Question: How do I Show & Share the Gospel in the World?

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Group Discussion

Use the following questions to help make application of God’s Word to your Head (What God wants me to know), to your Heart (What God wants me to desire/value), and to your Hands (What God wants me to do).

In regard to Hebrews 10:19-25:

1. What does this passage say about God’s character?
2. What is God doing here? How does this passage fit in the overall narrative of the Bible?
3. What is God saying about me?
4. Where am I not living by faith? How do I return to faith?
5. How should I practice this in everyday life?

Weekly Prayer Focus

- **Church:**
 - Pray that all who have believed the Gospel will obey Jesus in believer’s baptism.
 - Pray for new relationships that will lead to Gospel conversations.
 - Pray for the elders as they lead us to accomplish the mission.
 - Pray for the Missional Communities to impact their communities with the Gospel.
 - Pray for Missional Communities to multiply into new neighborhoods.
 - Pray for new DNA groups to start.
- **Local:**
 - Pray that God would burden us with the lostness in our cities, neighborhoods, and at work.
 - Pray that God will identify 5 people you can begin to invest in and engage with the Gospel.
- **Global:**
 - Pray that God would give you a heart for the nations.
 - Pray for the team working in SEA, the new believers, for those who have heard the Gospel, and the church planting movement among the unreached.
 - Pray for Good Shepherd Ministries and Bill & Sandy Younger.
 - Pray for Servants Hearts Ministries and Bob & Georgette Kornegay.
 - Pray for Pastor Abraham and his church in Guatemala.