

“Do Not Be Ashamed”

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 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.

This week we heard the testimony of the journey on which Jonathan and Ashli M. have been on as they prepare to live on the mission field. As we consider what it means to live out the Gospel through sending missionaries and planting churches, we learned from 2 Timothy 1:8-14 not to be ashamed of the Gospel that has been entrusted to us. Rather, we are to be willing to share in Paul’s sufferings for the sake of the Gospel recognizing that God uses suffering to advance His work. We learned that many people come to faith when they see how Christians handle suffering. We also learned that just as Jesus has entrusted this good Gospel to us we should entrust our lives back to Him.

As you prepare to meet with your Missional Community examine your willingness to entrust everything to Jesus. Ask yourself what areas of your life you are not entrusting to Him. Are you willing to suffer to advance this Gospel message? Are you rejoicing with other believers, even in suffering, as you see the power of the Holy Spirit guard and use you for His good pleasure? As you think through these and the questions that follow, be reminded that you have been entrusted with the best news anyone can receive. Therefore, do not be ashamed!

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 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10:

1. What does this passage teach about God? (God’s Identity; Theology)
2. What does this passage teach about what God has done? (God’s Action; Christology)
3. What does this passage teach about man/me? (Old & New Creation Identity; Ecclesiology)
4. What does this passage teach about what I should do? (Reveals what I really believe about Questions 1-3; Missional Ecclesiology)
5. What does this passage teach about how I do it uniquely in my context? (personal action steps of obedience)

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.