

Leaders:

1. Harvest Student Ministry is hosting a garage sale at the “famous” South Stanford Ranch Garage Sale in Rocklin on Saturday, April 21st. If you have any items you would like to donate, all proceeds will help get our students to camp. All you have to do is find some items you would like to donate, fill out the online form, and leave the items on your driveway Friday morning the 20th. We’ll take care of the rest! Link to online form: bit.ly/HSMgaragesale
2. Please discuss with your group the idea of meeting during a service to pray for the church. Go to bit.ly/hbcprayer to “reserve” your group for a service

LEARN

What stood out to you from the sermon on Sunday?

What are the most necessary parts to the gospel message that, if left untold, make it no longer the biblical gospel of Jesus? (Examples: Jesus is God who came for us, lived a perfect life, died a substitutionary death in our place on cross, rose bodily for our salvation, we’re sinners against a holy/just God, we must personally repent of sin and believe in Jesus as Savior and Lord meaning not cultural/family Christianity)

What are examples of “gospel additions” that when added to the gospel message, make it no longer the biblical gospel of Jesus?

(Your good deeds make you a Christian, you must follow the OT Law once you are a Christian, the idea that there are 2 parts to being a Christian – belief in Jesus then getting the Holy Spirit through another experience)

PRACTICE

Read Galatians 2:11-14. What does it mean when your conduct is not “in step with the truth of the gospel”? How can a person know their life *is in step* with the truth of the gospel?

(Examples: Relying on works, judging other Christians unworthy, racism, partiality // one way we’re in step is by bringing life in line with the free grace and love of God we’ve received, given to others)

Read Galatians 3:10-14. In what ways do people tend to rely on the law for their own justification (i.e. right standing) before God? How can you know when you’ve abandoned reliance on the law and truly received justification by faith in Jesus?

(We compare ourselves to others; we feel accepted by God only when we obey; we work hard to obey in our own strength and not God’s // Prayerfully reject self-reliance, law-reliance, and declare reliance on God’s love, mercy, and saving grace through Jesus; repent quickly and run to God instead of from him when we sin)

Read Galatians 5:13-15. Christians are called to freedom, and brought to freedom, through the saving work of Jesus. But how should we use that freedom and what is at stake if we use it wrongly?

(Use it to lay life down in loving service to others. When a church is not characterized by this kind of freedom, v. 15 becomes the culture of the church and it is devastating)

CHANGE

Discuss the 3 prevailing errors in how people tend to view the gospel (Legalism, antinomianism, personal fulfillment). Which of these are you prone to fall into if you’re not carefully clinging to the true gospel?

(legalism – righteousness obtained through my hard work and obedience; antinomianism – No law, no recognition of sin against holy God; personal fulfillment – My problem is self-esteem and I need to accept myself as I am and God helps me do that.