

WHAT IS GOSPEL KNOWLEDGE?

Purpose: This week's lesson focuses on examining what true Gospel knowledge is and the role that knowledge should play in our walk with Christ.

What We Do With the Knowledge of the Gospel

1. According to Proverbs 1:7, what should be the source of all our knowledge? What does "the fear of the Lord" mean? How does this play into the way the Gospel should influence how we live our lives?
2. Read Colossians 1:9-10. What is the end goal of attaining knowledge? How have you seen the pursuit of knowledge influence your walk with Christ?
3. Read James 3:13-18 and examine the two different types of knowledge laid out in this passage. What are the different attributes for earthly knowledge? How does this contrast with the attributes of knowledge from above? And how does this contrast emphasize our need to seek knowledge with a true relationship with God?

4. Evaluate your own heart and determine which of the two types of knowledge you seek after regularly. Can you say with confidence that you seek after the knowledge of the Lord with a genuine reverence for God?

5. How does Jesus portray the two types of knowledge in Matthew 7:24-27?

6. What are the different attributes for each of the two types of people? Which person do you identify with and why?

7. What is the importance of Jesus teaching this to His disciples, and how should this influence our walks with Christ?

Read James 1:22-24 and answer the following questions:

8. What does it mean to be a “doer of the Word?”

9. What does it mean to look at one’s “natural face in a mirror?” What is the mirror that we have been given to examine ourselves with? (Compare with Hebrews 2:12-13)

10. What are the implications of someone being a hearer of the word rather than being a “doer of the Word?”

11. Using Scripture, give examples of what different areas of the Christian life we are called not only to know the Word, but also to live it out. Use cross-references in your Bible or on a web-site like biblegateway.com to help you locate other verses throughout God’s Word.

12. In what areas of your journey of following Jesus have you been successful in being a “doer of the Word”? What areas do you recognize you are weak in?

How We Live Out the Gospel Here at FSU

This section is all about how we can strive to live out the Gospel in the context that God has placed us. The goal of this section is to give insight into CCF’s mission statement and to emphasize again the purpose of this group.

13. Knowing that we are called to not only be hearers of the Word, but also doers of the Word, how do you view your role as a member of CCF and a student on campus? How does CCF’s mission statement play into this?

14. Spend some time thinking about how you would explain CCF's mission statement, "Devoted to Christ, Devoted to Campus." Write out a short paragraph with your explanation.

15. Read through Matthew 24:42-25:46; follow up this reading by reading Matthew 28. Based on this, what do you think knowledge of the Gospel, and the life it calls us to, should lead us to be doing?

Memory Verse

James 1:21-22 - ²¹Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. ²²But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.