

A Traveler's Guide: Learning to Gospel One-Another

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1 Pet 1:3-12; Mark 4:35-5:43

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Peter's Letter:

- Written to believers in a hostile culture
- We are to live as ambassadors to foreigners around us
- Brotherly love is to characterize our community
- God's Word is our foundation (truth of the Gospel)
- We are to pastor (care for) one-another

The Gospel:

- Rom 1:16-17; 1 Jn 3:1, etc.
- God - Sin - Jesus - Faith : Creation > Fall > Redemption > Restoration
- Using Scripture ask 4 questions to obtain the Gospel:
 1. Who is God? His Character
 2. What has God done? Work of God
 3. Who are we in light of God's work? Our New Identity
 4. How should we live in light of this? How Shall We Then Live?
- Peter shows us the Gospel is Doxological > worship 1 Peter 1:3-12
- 'The purpose of the gospel is not merely the forgiveness of individuals, but to bring people to a full and abundant life through glorious worship.' Hab 2:14

We often forget the truth of the Gospel

- God saves us into a community so we can love and pastor one-another
- Psalm 145:3-4; NT one-anothers...
- Psalm 62:11-12 – Gospel Truths to remember
 - God's Greatness & His Glory - *You, O God are strong*
 - God's Goodness & His Amazing Grace - *You, O Lord are loving*

Gospel Truths to Remember Every Moment

- God is Great – so we don't have to be in control
- God is Glorious – so we do not have to fear others
- God is Good – so we don't have to look elsewhere
- God is Gracious – so we don't have to prove ourselves

God is GREAT - so we don't have to be in control

- God is Great Creator & Sustainer – Isaiah 40:12; Heb 1:3
- God controls everything – Eph 1:11
- God controls politics – Prv 21:1
- God even uses evil for His Glorious purposes – Act 4:27-28
- Gospel of Mark reminds us of God's (Jesus') total control: Mk 4:35-5:43
 - Jesus calms storm - Mk 4:40 Why are you so afraid?
 - Jesus casts out demon - people feared Jesus' power Mk 5:15
 - Jesus heals woman - Mk 5:32-34 woman's fears were calmed by Jesus
 - Jarius daughter dies - Mk 5:36 do not fear, only believe!
- Question #4 - What if we lived as if we believed this truth?
 - what would happen to our anger, fear, fretting, etc...?
 - how would we treat others?

To Think About:

- ▶ Practice: "God is Great - so I don't have to be in control." pick 1 or more verses to memorize that remind you of this.
- ▶ When anxiety hits and life seems out of control... how will reminding yourself (others) that God is Great so we don't have to be in control help?
- ▶ How would having this 'language' in our Church community help you as you live life in this hostile world?
- ▶ Practice using the 4 Gospel questions when reading your Bible:
 - 1) Who is God?
 - 2) What has He done?
 - 3) Who am I in light of God's work?
 - 4) How should I live in light of this? What if I believed God?