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Leader Guide

What We Value: Gospel First and Always

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Main Passage: Romans 1:16-17

Theological Theme

We value the gospel first and always. Any time we say the word gospel, we simply mean the good news of Jesus Christ. We believe the gospel has the power to save and to bring purpose, hope, and meaning to any person's life.

Introduction

- ? What is your favorite topic when you're having small talk with friends? Is it a TV show, movies, sports, recipes, or something else?
- ? Describe a time recently when you heard a bit of news and felt you needed to share it with someone else. Why was sharing this news better than keeping it to yourself?

We are continuing to talk through the vision and mission of Brentwood Baptist. Today we will look at our highest value: the gospel. Any time we say the word *gospel*, we simply mean the good news of Jesus Christ. We believe the gospel has the power to save and to bring purpose, hope, and meaning to any person's life. That's why we will always prioritize Jesus and His gospel. It affects everything that we do, whether we are gathered on Sunday morning or scattered throughout the city and communities throughout the other six days of the week. We will value the gospel first, primarily, and always in everything we do as a church. In our session today, we will see why Paul and others emphasized the gospel above everything in the Christian life.

1. The Power of the Gospel (Romans 1:16-17)

Paul felt an obligation to preach the gospel to all people. He wasn't ashamed of the gospel because he knew the power and truth of God's message to the world.

2. The Authority of the Gospel (Matthew 28:16-20)

Jesus reminds us of His authority for the same reason Paul tells us that the gospel is the power of God for salvation. We are commanded by the Lord Jesus to go into all the world to make disciples. Often, those nations and individuals are hostile to the gospel. Jesus reminds us that He has the authority to send us there. We do not need any government's permission to preach and share the gospel because Jesus, the ruler of the universe, has given us a command to do it. The good news is that Jesus will be with us and that God's power goes with us in the gospel. We have the authority and power to tell others about Jesus.

3. The Responsibility of the Gospel (Acts 13:47; 20:24)

We, as the church, are responsible for telling others about Jesus. No one gets a pass. We should all be sharing our faith with others, not just because Jesus tells us to, but because the life-changing news is so good we want to share the gospel with others.

Questions to Guide Your Group's Discussion

- ❓ What does this passage say?

- ❓ What did this passage mean to its original audience?

- ❓ What does this passage tell us about God?

- ❓ What does this passage tell us about man?

- ❓ What does this passage demand of me?

- ❓ How does this passage change the way I relate to people? (*How can you use this information this week at work or with friends and neighbors?*)

- ❓ How does this passage prompt me to pray to God?