

## Study Guide #17 (Leader's Guide): K-group Bible Study for Week of March 4, 2018

Title of the Lesson: The Gospel

This week's bible passage talks about "The Gospel" – God's wonderfully good news about salvation and life that can be obtained through faith in Jesus Christ. By believing in Christ and receiving forgiveness for one's sins through Jesus' atoning death on the cross, one can be saved from his/her sins and receive abundant and eternal life. Jesus' ability to provide this life is verified by his resurrection from the dead.

- Remind your group that one of the discipleship skills that we want to develop this year is the ability to verbalize scripture to people with whom we will have the opportunity to minister. So we will continue to ask one of you to tell the bible story from memory.
- So, let's give our undivided attention to \_\_\_\_\_ as he/she verbalizes tonight's bible study passage.

### 1 Corinthians 15:1-8

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. <sup>2</sup> By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

<sup>3</sup> For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. <sup>6</sup> After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, <sup>8</sup> and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

### Questions

- Now, let's open our bibles to 1 Corinthians 15:1-8. Let's review the scripture and look for details that need to be emphasized and remembered.
- After clarifying what the bible says, ask what resonated with you the most and why?
- Context Analysis: Paul takes time to clarify the Gospel to the Corinthian believers. It appears that some of them had misunderstood some critical truths about Jesus life, death, and resurrection. One such truth seems to be discussed in the section following this one. What were some of the Corinthians confused about?
- The word Gospel is the Greek word *euangelion* which literally means "good news." It becomes one of Paul's favorite terms to use when talking about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection and its results for those who believe and receive Christ. Take a moment and share with each other why this is such "good news" for us. In other words, why is this such "good news" for you personally?

- In 1 Corinthians 15:3-8, Paul provides the key points of the gospel message. These are, it is the “good news” about ...
  - Christ who died for our sins
  - Christ who was buried
  - Christ who rose from the dead after three days
  - Christ whose resurrection was verified by numerous eyewitnesses
  - Christ’s story that was foretold in the Old Testament scriptures
- What if one of these key points were left out – would it change anything? If so, what would it change?
- Take a moment and allow a few volunteers briefly share how they came to believe this gospel message (i.e., have them briefly share their salvation testimony).
- This section of scripture continues into the next section concerning the resurrection. Why is the resurrection such a significant part of the gospel message? (see 15:14 and following)
- What are some confusions about (and/or distortions of) the gospel in today’s world?
- The end of verse 1 informs us that this is the gospel “on which we take our stand” and later in verse 3 Paul says that this gospel is “of first importance.” What do these terms tell us about the gospel?
- Even though we know this message is vitally important to lost people, it is often difficult to share this “good news” message with others. Why is this so?
- How can Fellowship Church do a better job of sharing and living this gospel message? How can Fellowship Church do a better job of equipping you to share and live out this gospel message?
- What do we learn about God from this passage?
- What do we learn about ourselves (mankind) from this passage?
- What actions do you plan to take as a result of this study and discussion?

Close with prayer. Pray specifically that the group can follow through with what God has put on their hearts to do.