



IS THE GOSPEL ENOUGH?

CHURCH PEOPLE



DISCUSSION GUIDE

OVERVIEW



Weary from the showiness and materialism that has overtaken his ministry efforts, Guy goes on a journey to get back in touch with the heart of ministry and be a real role model to his youth group kids. He makes the difficult decision to cut short his speaking tour managed by his money-focused agent after realizing that his reputation has become more fame-based than Gospel-driven.

But when Guy attempts to return to regular youth ministry, he is thrust into the throes of dissuading the youth group from performing a strange and potentially blasphemous stunt for the upcoming Easter service, starring a young, zealous new believer, Blaise. In attempting to manage his youth group while navigating an unexpected love interest in the Senior Pastor's daughter and being a new father to his grown daughter, Guy ultimately rediscovers and puts on a powerful presentation of why we all need to put our hope in Jesus and not in ourselves.

This five-session Discussion Guide will walk you through the idea of living a Gospel-centered life, by knowing it, relying on it, not being distracted from it, sharing it, and, finally, living it out. Let's all remember the power of the Gospel and invite the Holy Spirit to speak to our hearts.

Each session includes a clip from the feature film CHURCH PEOPLE, a short devotional, Scripture passages, and discussion questions that will give you the opportunity to reflect on what the Gospel looks like in your own life.

To get the most out of this Discussion Guide, you'll need to do the following:

1. Watch the movie
2. View the associated video clips for each session
3. Read the Scripture passages
4. Answer the questions, either in a small group or in individual reflection. Use these questions as an opportunity to journal your thoughts and write down what God is saying to you.

You can see CHURCH PEOPLE in theaters and churches beginning March 13th!

Visit ChurchPeopleFilm.com for more information.

IS THE GOSPEL ENOUGH: DO YOU KNOW THE GOSPEL?



If you want to chat about the Gospel, and about how we might've gotten distracted from it, both individually and as a culture, then you're in the right place. In the new movie Church People, we meet a mega church pastor who's become very focused on everything BUT the Gospel. Throughout these next five sessions, we'll dive into the importance of the Gospel, how it impacts our lives, and what that means for each of us.

But first, what is the Gospel? "The Gospel" refers to the messages of Good News found in the first four books of the New Testament: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. In these books, each author, inspired by God, gives a personalized account of the life of Christ, his ministry, discipleship, death on a cross, and resurrection. It tells the true story of how the Son of God came to earth, born in human (and divine) baby form, became a close friend to 12 specific men who became His disciples, flipped religion on its head, ate with sinners, healed the sick, was humbly crucified for crimes He wasn't guilty of, defeated death by coming back to life 3 days later and visiting His disciples again, and returning home to heaven to be at His Father's side. In a nutshell, that's the Gospel.

As Guy explained in today's clip, the Gospel is a gift to us, because it shows us that God loves us despite our faults. Wherever you are, whoever you are, Jesus laid down His life for you. God's love is bigger than our mess.

Today, ask God to speak His love to your heart today, so that you can live for Him more fully.

SCRIPTURES

- John 3:16, 14:6
- Acts 2:38
- Romans 10:9-13
- 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- How would you describe the Gospel to someone?
- How has the Gospel transformed your life?
- What is the difference between knowing about the Gospel and believing in it?

IS THE GOSPEL ENOUGH: DO YOU RELY ON THE GOSPEL?



In today's video, we saw Pastor Skip relying so heavily on other, "more exciting" things than the Gospel to spread the Good News to his congregation that he forgot what Good Friday, Easter Sunday, and the Christian life in general is really about: Jesus and the Gospel!

There's nothing wrong with adding fun elements into a church service or into how you talk about Jesus with someone to make your faith more engaging—even Jesus did that, by telling His listeners simple, relatable stories called parables. But think about what your motivation is. Is it to illustrate the bigger picture? Or is it to boost your popularity or attendance records? It's all about the heart; it's less about what you're doing than why you're doing it, because, if you love Jesus and the Holy Spirit resides in your heart, then your heart will continuously be refined to look more like His, and your actions will naturally reflect that.

So, is the Gospel strong enough to stand on its own? Or are you relying on lesser things to make an impact for the wrong reasons?

Have you experienced the power of the Gospel and do you rely on God and His Word alone, or do you find yourself leaning on other sources of encouragement and strength above Him?

SCRIPTURES

- 1 Samuel 16:7
- Colossians 3:15
- Hebrews 4:12

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- How do you rely on the Gospel?
- How would you argue the reliability of the Gospel?
- What have you relied on more than the Gospel in the past? What was the result?

IS THE GOSPEL ENOUGH: ARE YOU DISTRACTED FROM THE GOSPEL?



Have you ever been in the middle of praying and then, next thing you know, you've been on your phone for 10 minutes? It's never been easier to be distracted from the most important things. Sometimes distractions can even come in pretty, "religious" packages, like overcommitting to volunteer or focusing more on truth than love or love than truth.

Maybe you can relate to Guy's manager, Jonathan, who got so focused on pleasing and keeping his client's audience entertained that he forgot the purpose for it all: to preach the Gospel and to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

If the devil has one aim, it's to distract Christians from God. Why? Because Satan is the father of lies, so he is dead-set (literally) against truth being shared. What do you do when you feel distracted from the truth? The next time you're praying and feel a distraction coming along, set a timer on your phone, put it somewhere out of your line of vision, close your eyes, and just be with God. Praise Him, thank Him, repent, intercede, and just rest in His presence. No distractions needed—His presence is more than enough for us!

Today, ask God to remind you of His goodness and to help you be content with His perfect provision.

SCRIPTURES

- John 16:33
- Acts 4:12
- Philippians 4:11-13
- 1 Timothy 1:15

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What distracts you from the Gospel?
- If you could take out one distraction from your life that would help you focus more on the Gospel, what would it be and why?
- How do you counteract those distractions?

IS THE GOSPEL ENOUGH: DO YOU SHARE THE GOSPEL?



Have you ever felt led to share the Gospel, but let fear hold you back? Sometimes we overcomplicate things (can we get an “Amen” from the people in the back?), especially when it comes to sharing the Gospel. In Luke 12:12, Jesus explains to His disciples that, when people interrogate them for sharing about Jesus, they don’t need to worry about what to say, because the Holy Spirit will give them words. The same is true today: When God leads us into situations where He gives us an opportunity to share the Gospel, He will not leave us in a lurch; He will give us the exact right words to say. Remember, our job is not to convert people or to accept the Gospel for them—that’s between them and God. Our job is simply to be obedient to plant seeds as He readies souls to receive them, like Guy (somewhat begrudgingly showed) in today’s video.

God loves a joyfully obedient heart. And He will provide everything you need to accomplish His will, regardless of how equipped (or not) you feel.

Sharing our faith can be challenging, but we can do all things through Him who gives us strength, so we need to obey God’s commands to share His truth with others. The more you get to know God, the better you’ll be able to hear His voice. Just seek Him, no holding back (James 4:7), and He will do the rest!

God doesn’t need your perfection; He wants your availability.

SCRIPTURES

- Luke 12:12
- Romans 1:16
- Romans 10:14
- James 4:7

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What are three ways you can share your faith with someone?
- What impact has sharing your faith made on you? And who might God be calling you to share your faith with?
- How did you learn about the Gospel?

IS THE GOSPEL ENOUGH: DO YOU LIVE THE GOSPEL?



So, we've learned about the Gospel, and we've identified our reliance and focus on it. Now, let's live it out. But what does that look like? How do we preach the Gospel on a moment-by-moment basis, with or without words?

In today's video, we saw Chad living out his faith by encouraging his friend Carla. Chad chose to use his God-given gifts to speak truth, wisdom, and love to someone who desperately needed it.

Chad gives us an illustration of someone who doesn't just pray and go to church on Sundays and then live his own way the rest of the week. Instead, Chad models the hands and feet of Jesus by intentionally investing in his church's community, seeking to serve anyone God puts in his path, and showing up for his friends. Chad lives out the Gospel by obediently loving God's people.

What does living the Gospel look like in your life? What gifts has God given you to share with the rest of the world? Always remember, you're here on purpose, so let your light shine for Him! The Gospel is enough for you!

SCRIPTURES

- 1 Corinthians 12:7-11
- Galatians 5:22-23

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- If anything, what keeps you from walking in obedience to Christ's teachings?
- How can you live out the Gospel on a daily basis?
- Who's one person who lives out the Gospel in your life, and why did you pick them? What about them makes you think of Jesus?



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