



The sessions we recorded on the 7<sup>th</sup> are available under the CG DOCTRINE SERIES tab. This document exists to help our small groups to discuss and encourage each other as we meet to ask three central questions: "What is our problem?" "What has God done?" and "What should we do?" Our last session is designed as a "lab" with sample verses to explore.

### Session 1 – God's GOSPEL – Its SOURCE and CORE

- Up until this point, what has been your functional definition of the word "gospel"? Does it seem to match up with what the Bible defines as the "good news"?
- How is the righteousness of God on trial when we look at the gospel?
- What does Jesus have to do with the "gospel"?
- How can we keep his place as central in the good news in all we do?
- Have you thought of "righteousness" as being at the heart of our problem and of God's solution for our greatest dilemma? How is our faith connected to this answer?
- In light of this, why do you think God says that pleasing Him requires us to have faith?

### Session 2 – God's GOSPEL – Its SCOPE and EXTENT

- How does Ephesians 1:7-8 redefine the significance of our redemption in Jesus?
- Romans 3 and Ephesians 1:9-10 place God's electing and calling work as central in our salvation. How does that affect your confidence that God is actually saving you?
- The word "propitiation" (the idea that God's wrath exists and needs to be turned to a disposition of favor) is a highly controversial doctrine... but how many attributes of God's nature can you think of that are connected to (and defended) by this doctrine?
- How is our faith connected to our burden to evangelize the world?

### Session 3 – God's GOSPEL – Its POWER (a Q&A lab)

- Which of the passages we looked at together grabbed your attention?
- Why do you think it is easy for us to go to a foundation of "duty" rather than "gospel" when we read the Bible?
- How is our understanding of both gospel truths and gospel conduct shaped by first looking for the good news that God has already accomplished our redemption?
- How could this method of reading the Bible change the way you feel about Scripture?