

Session 6 The Gospel

I. Discipleship Scenario

2. Discussion Questions

- a. “The Main Thing – Part 1” and “The Main Thing – Part 2” sermon messages by C.J. Mahaney (New Attitude 2001).

Review Questions

- What was the main this for Paul?
- Define the gospel.
- What does C.J. mean when he says that, “*we should not be more passionate about anything than we are about the Savior himself*”? How would you rate your passion for God?

Questions for Personal Application

- What things really seem to tempt you from making the gospel the main thing in your life? What things in your life presently prevent you from holding fast to the gospel?
- In what ways are you going to seek to “*keep or guard*” the gospel personally? In what ways would you be tempted to be more subjective rather than objective when evaluating the state of your soul? How would you have been legalistic in your approach to the Christian life? What specific changes can you make in your life to make the gospel central to your life and ministry?
- Have you invited those who know you best to evaluate whether you are on a regular basis, joyful?
- In the areas of leadership that C.J. mentioned, which ones would you be most tempted not to “guard the gospel” in? In your parenting, in your counsel to others (and yourself), and in your leadership are you gospel centered?
- How are you seeking to pass on the gospel to those you serve?

3. Scripture Memory Verse

2 Timothy 1:13-14 ¹³ Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.



4. Exercise

Have each person take five minutes to write out a definition of the gospel and then read aloud to the others. Have the group critique and improve the various definitions.

5. Assignment for Next Time

Read chapter 8 in Disciplined for Life, by Jerry Bridges and the *Preface* and *Introduction* in A Hunger for God, by John Piper. Next meeting is _____.