



What is the gospel?

Goal

Understand the essence of the gospel

Introduction

Without looking at your Bible or any resource, take a few minutes to answer this question: How would you define the gospel?

Bible Passages & Questions

I Corinthians 15:1-6 and Luke 24:44-49

How do Paul and Luke answer these questions . . .

- Who is Jesus?
- What did Jesus do?
- What blessings did Jesus bring?
- How should we respond? What is the difference between Paul's call to faith and Luke's call to repentance?

Consider & Discuss

The gospel changes our priorities, values, and actions; but, acceptance by God does not depend on our actions. Read Ephesians 2:8-10 and distinguish the role of good works before and after faith in Jesus Christ.

Next Steps (Individually & Collectively)

Watch "What is the Gospel?" by Keith Davy. Davy says: "There is only one gospel and it is essential that we get it right . . . Whatever means we use to communicate [the gospel] we always have to make

sure we get it right: who is Jesus, what has he done, and why?" After watching his video would you change anything about how you explained the good news about Jesus at the beginning of this lesson? Why or why not? Write your answer or discuss with a friend.

Additional Resource

Chelsea Knight at cru.org: [What is the Gospel?](#)