

Open the session with prayer

Read together 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

- 1. What is Paul trying to "remind" the Corinthian Christians about?
- 2. What does Paul mean by the present tense verb, "being saved", when referring to the gospel (v.2)?
- 3. Can you identify some of the "facts" of this "gospel" (v.3-8)?
- 4. What does Paul write about the power of this gospel in his own life? What difference did it make in his life (v.9-10)?

Watch the video entitled <u>Session 1: The Key Concepts of the Gospel.</u> Take notes of things that you find interesting from the video and pausing at the on-screen prompts, discuss the corresponding sections:

Section 1: The Essentials of the Gospel

- 1. In your own words, explain why Jesus was necessary for humanity's rescue?
- 2. Why is it important to understand that the gospel is "news" and a "declaration"?
- 3. Can you identify a point in time when the message of the gospel became a "reality" for you? How did it happen?

Section 2: Responding to the Gospel

- 4. Adam said that faith is to "lean the weight of our life onto the person and work of Jesus" so that we "rest on him completely". Has this been an easy thing for you to do or have you struggled with "resting" on Jesus?
- 5. When are you tempted to doubt the finished work of Jesus? Do things like suffering, guilt, pride, the influence of others, etc. affect your faith from time to time?
- 6. How much of faith in Jesus' saving work is "head knowledge" and how much is "heart knowledge"?

Section 3: The Power of the Gospel

7. When we put our faith and trust in the gospel message, we accept Jesus as both "Saviour" and "Lord". Jesus, therefore, has the right to "fire the boardroom of our heart" (as Adam said) with all its various stakeholders and to set himself up as the CEO. What "stakeholder" (family, sexuality, finance, lifestyle, etc) can you identify as something that the Lord Jesus is currently working on to gain greater control?

Close in prayer:

- Prayer points for my group:
- Prayer points for myself:



- A healthy habit our small group wants to work on this week:
- A healthy habit I want to work on this week:
- **Some questions to reflect on further this week:**
 - What really stood out for me in this week's discussion?
 - What is Jesus currently working on in "the boardroom of my heart"?

For deeper reading:

J. Murray, Redemption Accomplished and Applied, Eerdmans Publishing

Notes: