



Shorter Study

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- Can you identify some of the “facts” of this “gospel” (v.3-8)?
- What difference did the gospel make to Paul’s life (v.9-10)?

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2. Shapes the questions we ask.
3. Shapes the tone and culture of our church.
4. Monitors our church health.

Reflection Questions:

1. Would you say that the gospel is driving your theological vision for ministry? Why?
2. If you were to look at your church’s annual budget, the activities of your ministries or your location, do they show a focus on “gospel work”? Does the gospel determine your practical ministry priorities?
3. How would you evaluate the “tone” of your church culture? Does your church reflect the dominant tone of hope, joy and thankfulness that comes from a deep-understanding of the gospel? How can a “gospel tone” be spurred on?

■ **Close in prayer**



Longer Study

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Theological Questions:

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2. How real is the threat of “unspoken agendas” in your eldership team? Do you feel that the focus of your team is sharp?
3. Can you identify whether issues like “maintaining tradition”, “pleasing certain members”, “micro-managing church activities” or “trying to survive” play an inordinately large role in your eldership ministry? Which ones are they and why do they play such a large role?

Practical Questions:

1. If you were to look at your church’s annual budget, the activities of your ministries or your location, do they show a focus on “gospel work”? Does the gospel determine your practical ministry priorities?
2. How can your eldership team sharpen up on asking “gospel-centred questions” at a leadership level? Does a space for asking those questions exist in your regular church council meetings?

