

Week #2

BUILDING COMMUNITY

● PASSAGE: EPH 3:14-21

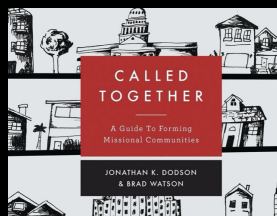
14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, 16 that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Become a Community - Share

- What single item of food could you eat everyday?
- What has been your least favorite thing about “Stay at Home”?
- What has been your favorite thing about “Stay at Home”?
- Tell us your story.
- How can we pray for you this week?

Take a Group Photo - We want to see pets

Close your time in prayer!



Lesson: THE GOSPEL IS PERSONAL

● BIG PICTURE

- Story: stories are meant to be shared
- Identity: the gospel changes who we are
- Sanctification: how people change

Remember.

The Gospel is the Good News that Jesus has defeated sin, death, and evil through his own death and resurrection and is making all things new, even us.

The Gospel changes us, not just what we believe but also who we are ... it is personal.

*The Gospel is *doctrinal*; it changes what we believe

*The Gospel is *personal*; it changes who we are

*The Gospel is *missional*; it changes where and how we live

This week let's think about: Personal.

Read 2 Cor. 3:17-18 - *Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.*

Discuss.

Do you want to change? Why?

What causes people to change?

Beholding Jesus: The gospel changes us into the image and likeness of Jesus. This happens by fixing our eyes on Jesus. Not by keeping our eyes on our failures. The gospel frees us to be honest because our worth doesn't hang on our success, but instead hangs on Jesus' success. We can confess our sins because Jesus has borne our judgment for us ... He is our forgiveness and acceptance.

Discuss.

Where do you look for approval? How do you hide your failures?

Is your tendency to spend more time looking at successes or failures?

How does the gospel adjust your perspective?

How does this help us change?

Becoming Like Jesus: The gospel gives us eyes to behold Jesus and the power to become like Him. The power for gospel change is the person of the Holy Spirit. He helps us turn our eyes from our sin to our savior. Reread 2 Cor 3 - becoming like Jesus is a life-long endeavor, We change “one degree” at a time. It is incremental and progressive. The more we look at Jesus the more we will look like Jesus.

We as imperfect disciples gaze at a perfect Jesus, while being perfected by the Spirit over the course of a lifetime.

Discuss.

How have you recently experienced gospel change?

What does it look like for you to cling to and gaze at Jesus?

Who or what do you cling to when you sin?