



Paradigm Discipleship Lesson

The purpose of this resource is to provide some guidance for you as you encourage your disciple to develop a strong devotional relationship with God.

The following resource is part 1 of 6 resources designed to help your disciple gain a better understanding of the Gospel. We encourage you to use this resource in your own study as you prepare to meet with your disciple.

The GOSPEL PART 1 - Introduction

GOAL: The hope is that this week deepens your relationship with your new disciple by helping them get to know you and for you to get to know them and where they are at in their knowledge and understanding of The Gospel. Think of this as a diagnostic week.

Swap Stories:

- Share your personal story of faith.
 - EXAMPLE: before Christ, meeting Christ, following Christ since.
- Have them share their story.
 - Listen for - the Gospel, baptism, Church, current spiritual health? Where are they at now?

QUESTION: What do you say the GOSPEL is? How would you share the Gospel with someone?

- Affirm any answers that connect to the concept of saving faith or a relationship with God through Christ.
- The aim of this study is to help you discern where your disciple is in understanding all the components of the Gospel by taking a deeper look at God, Man, Christ and the Response of the person to these truths.
- An easy way to remember the necessary components of the Gospel:
 - **God** – God is the holy, loving creator (Isaiah 6:3, John 3:16)
 - **Humanity** – Humans are sinful image-bearers (Romans 3:9-10, Genesis 1:26-27)
 - **Christ** – Jesus is the only solution to reconcile sinful people with a holy God (John 14:6)
 - **Response** – Each person must respond one way or the other to Jesus (Acts 2:37-39)

Reflection Question: What is something you would like to grow in? What do you feel like you are weak in?

Short Gospel statement:

God is perfect and Holy. He created man in his own image and for His glory. Man rebelled and chose to sin against God. God and man's relationship is broken because a sin filled person can not stand in the presence of a just and holy God. God still loves man and sent His Son Jesus to earth to die on the cross as a perfect sacrifice. In this He took the punishment of sinners, and rose from the dead to serve as an advocate before the Father for all those who call on His name and make Him Lord of their life.

Homework: Read Genesis 1 and Isaiah 6:3-5 - Memorize Isaiah 6:3