

Paradigm Discipleship

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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 5 of 5 resources designed to help your disciple gain a better understanding of the Gospel.

We encourage you to do your own study, using this resource as a guide, to develop a learning experience for you and your disciple that will help you both move deeper in your understanding and experience of interacting with a God who desires a deep, intimate relationship with you.

THE GOSPEL PART 5-RESPONSE

Study Question: How does a person gain forgiveness for their sins and a restored relationship with God?

*Through the work of the Holy Spirit: (John 16:5-15 focusing on 8-10)

*By grace through faith: Ephesians 2:8

*What must a person do to receive this gift? Romans 10:9-10

This ability to confess and believe is not describing the formula for salvation, i.e Just pray this prayer, but the response of a heart that has been changed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the work of the Holy Spirit.

Why do you think God designed it this way?

*So that the act of salvation could fulfill the purpose for God creating man: Ephesians 2:9, Isaiah 43:21

Short recap 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 mans relationship was 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 to take on the punishment of those who call on His name and make Him Lord of his life.

*Important things to discuss:

*"The Gospel isn't one class among many you'll attend during your life as a Christian-the Gospel is the whole building that all of the classes take place in": C. J. Mahaney.

*It is imperative to understand that this Gospel is meant to change us every day.

We as Christians should all strive to be experts in the understanding and working of the Gospel. READ A GOSPEL PRIMER FOR CHRISTIANS by Milton Vincent.

*"I think we delight to praise what we enjoy because the joy in not complete until it is expressed": John Piper.

*The joy of our salvation should be manifested in praise and worship to God. This Gospel should produce an unapologetic worshiper who daily acknowledges His need for the love and forgiveness offered at the foot of the cross.

*Our joy should also be expressed in the way we seek to tell others about the love and forgiveness and new life that has been offered to us.