**Life Group Study Guide: Loved what you heard on Sunday? Want to go deeper? The life group study guide will help you unpack what you heard on Sunday, while diving deeper into God's word.**

* *Today when we hear the word “gospel” we may think of religion, the books of the bible, or possibly even music. The word gospel as it is found in the bible simply means “good news.” What is the last piece of good news you received?*
* *If you had to summarize Sunday’s message into a couple of sentences what would you say?*

# **The gospel challenges our entire world view. It is not simply good advice, wise words, or a helpful mantra, but rather the foundation for how we live and interact with our world. The gospel reveals that we are more sinful than we could ever imagine and in need of a savior. The gospel also reveals that we are more loved and forgiven than we could ever imagine. This tension between being guilty and in need of a savior, and yet forgiven and loved, is difficult for many to grasp or accept.**

# **Start Digging Read: Matthew 19:16-22 (ESV)**

### *The Rich Young Man*

***16****And behold, a man came up to him, saying, “Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?”****17****And he said to him, “Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments.”****18****He said to him, “Which ones?” And Jesus said, “You shall not murder, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness,****19****Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”****20****The young man said to him, “All these I have kept. What do I still lack?”****21****Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.”****22****When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.*

* *What thoughts, questions, or insights do you have after reading this passage?*
* *What did the rich young ruler not understand about the gospel of Jesus Christ?*
* *By reading this text, what do you think the rich young ruler’s beliefs were about the gospel? How would you define the rich young ruler’s gospel?*
* *On Sunday Pastor Steven revealed three ways the gospel offends us as individuals. In what way was the rich young ruler offended?*
* *Do you identify at all with the beliefs of the rich young ruler? What ways do people in our day in age live out the gospel of the rich young ruler?*

**Digging Deeper**

* *Ask God to search your heart and reveal anything you have added to or taken away from the gospel. What steps do you need to take to root these things out?*
* *What is one intentional step that you will commit to taking this week as a result of what you have learned from this study?*

The Good Person Gospel

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Without out a clear understanding of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Christian life is vague and directionless.

**Galatians 1:1-10(ESV)***Paul, an apostle—not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead—* ***2****and all the brothers who are with me,*

*To the churches of Galatia:*

***3****Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,* ***4****who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,* ***5****to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.*

***6****I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—* ***7****not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ.* ***8****But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed.* ***9****As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.*

***10****For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.*

* **An idea or ideal cannot save you, only Jesus can.**

PAUL’S MAIN POINTS AGAINST THE JUDAIZERS

* **There is no Version 2.0, of the gospel.**
* **False teaching creates strife and struggle.**
* **The gospel they are presenting is a perversion of the truth.**

SO, WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

**1 Corinthians 15:1-4(ESV)***Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand,* ***2****and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.*

***3****For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,* ***4****that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures*

WHAT COMPELS MAN TO PERVERT THE GOSPEL?

* **The gospel offends our sense of self-esteem**
* **The gospel offends our sense of intellect**
* **The gospel offends our sense of autonomy.**

THE MODERN-DAY GOSPELS

* **The gospel of pleasure.**
* **The gospel of knowledge.**
* **The good person gospel.**