

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

GOSPEL ADORATION

2 Corinthians 5:11–15

DISCUSSION 1: ARTICULATING THE GOSPEL

1. How has fear and a lack of urgency impacted your consistency in sharing the gospel?
2. What is the connection between adoring the God of the gospel and articulating the gospel regularly?
3. Which of the three motivations given by Paul (Christ's greatness; Christ's love; Christ's surrendered example) is most helpful in becoming more consistent in sharing the gospel?
4. How can you grow in becoming more gospel fluent towards unbelievers and believers?
5. What are ways you can live out these opportunities to practice articulating the gospel?
 - Pray for opportunities and for boldness
 - Become a regular
 - Be fluent in the gospel around believers and unbelievers
 - Master your testimony

DISCUSSION 2: GRACE AND THE GOSPEL

"Grace in the heart prevents us from abusing grace in the head—it delivers us from making grace the lackey of sin. Where the grace of God brings salvation to the soul, it works effectually. And what is it that grace teaches? Practical holiness. Grace does not eradicate ungodliness and worldly lusts—but it causes us to deny them by the impulsive power of gratitude, by love's desire to please the Savior, by instilling a determination to walk worthy of the calling to which we are called." AW Pink

1. Why should God's grace motivate our holiness and obedience rather than excuse sin?
2. How does knowing God's grace and tasting his goodness train us to say no to sin and cultivate an appetite for righteousness?
3. What are truths about God's grace you can or need to rehearse when you're tempted toward sin, toward finding contentment in the world, or toward seeking to control things in your own life?

DISCUSSION 3: GOSPEL GROWTH

1. How does the gospel free us to enjoy God rather than try to earn his approval? Why is this important in daily living?
2. Why does the gospel reorient our lives around God rather than the self? In an age that's all about putting ourselves at the center, how does this God-centeredness shape us or help us?
3. How does being assured you belong to God impact how you live for him?
4. What might it look like for you this week to walk in and apply the gospel to all of life? Where do you most need to rehearse the gospel this week?

Additional Resources

- Visit our Resources page on [The Gospel](http://penningtonpark.com/the-gospel) at penningtonpark.com/the-gospel
- *The Gospel* by Ray Ortlund (Our church is reading this together during the month of March.)
- *Gospel Fluency* by Jeff Vanderstelt
- *A Gospel Primer for Christians* by Milton Vincent
- "[What is the Gospel?](http://crossway.org)" article at crossway.org
- "[Your Story is God's Story: Creating Your Testimony](http://cru.org)" at cru.org
- "[8 Characteristics of Gospel-Centered Sanctification](http://gcdiscipleship.com)" by Dustin Crowe at gcdiscipleship.com