

# VALUE 1 | CENTRED ON THE GOSPEL

## 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-25

Just because we talk about the gospel all the time at our church doesn't necessarily mean we are a gospel-centred people.

What governs your parenting, *Law* or *Gospel*? Is radical forgiveness a characteristic of your life? Is *the gospel* the right Sunday School answer for you or a totally reoriented way of life?

When we say that one of our values (and we put it first on the list intentionally) is to be *centred on the gospel* what we mean by that is the Good News of Jesus Christ, His finished work on the cross of atoning for our sin and offering us the free gift of grace, informs absolutely everything else in our lives and world.

*The gospel is the dynamic for all heart-change, life-change, and social-change. For deep change you need an encounter with radical grace.*

*~ Timothy Keller*

We are centred on the Gospel because the gospel changes *everything*.

## **MEMORY VERSE**

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

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

## **BIBLE READING PLAN**

MONDAY	<b>ISAIAH 52:13-53:12</b>
TUESDAY	<b>ROMANS 3:9-31</b>
WEDNESDAY	<b>COLOSSIANS 1:15-23; 2:6-15</b>
THURSDAY	<b>TITUS 3:1-7</b>
FRIDAY	<b>1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-22</b>
SATURDAY	<b>1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-2:5</b>





## POST SUNDAY STUDY CONTENT

1. Just as the sun is the centre of the solar system and everything else revolves around it, everyone's life revolves around something. And everything other than Jesus at the centre will eventually fail us. Only a life centred on the gospel will be deeply meaningful, satisfying, lead to flourishing, and not fail us. Why are we so drawn to revolve our lives around something other than the gospel?
2. What do you desire more than anything else?
3. What do you daydream or fantasize about?
4. Is *the gospel* the right Sunday School answer for you or a totally reoriented way of life? In other words, are you astonished with the gospel?
5. Is radical forgiveness a characteristic of your life?
6. What are some problems with being centred on something other than the gospel?
7. Being a Christian means turning from going our own way and trusting in Jesus as *The Way*. It's been said that to become a Christian you need to follow the ABC's of faith:

- A. *Admit* our sin before a holy God (that we are guilty of sin and in need of Salvation)
- B. *Believe* in Jesus (not only intellectually but in your heart and life)
- C. *Confess* Jesus as Lord (turn your life over to Jesus in order to become His disciple)

Have you ever had the opportunity to share the “ABC’s of Faith” with anyone? If so, share. If not, what hold you back?

8. As we grow in faith — as our awareness of both our sinfulness and Christ’s righteousness grow — our lives become more centred on the gospel. We become more and more convinced that it’s the only category that really matters. Discuss the diagram and how it applies to your faith.

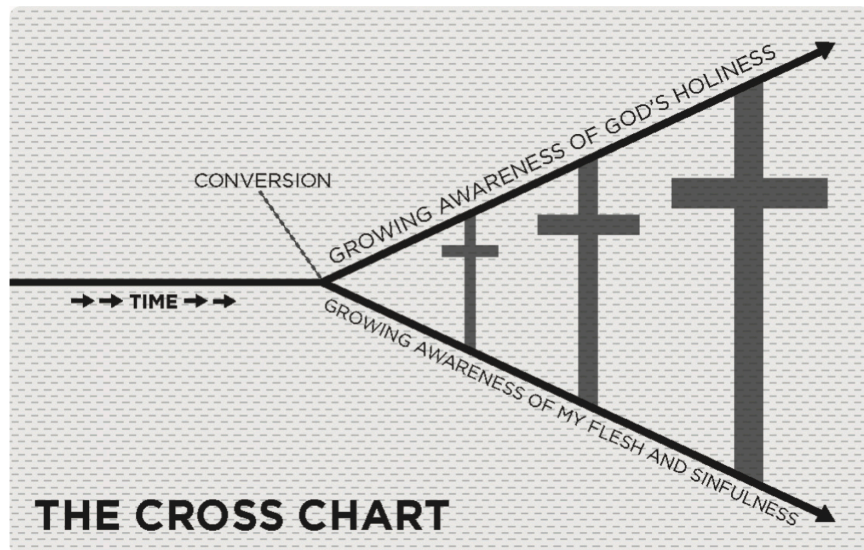


diagram from *The Gospel Centered Life*