



*Gospel Driven Life:*  
Part 1-Gospel Centeredness

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## *Gospel Centered Life*

### **1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

*What makes up the "DNA" of a Great Commission Church?  
Over the next several weeks we will explore the six commitments we believe  
make up a life driven by the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

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*Summary of Today's Lesson:* The first commitment we make as a Great Commission Church is learning to think and live out of a robust understanding of the good news about Jesus Christ's life, death and resurrection.

- **The Gospel is "news" about a historical event accomplished through Jesus Christ.**
- **The Gospel is good news received by *faith*.**
- **We stand in the Gospel through our being united to Christ by the Spirit of God.**
- **The gospel is the good news of our in-process-promised-salvation.**

*"One cannot read much of Paul without recognizing that at the heart of everything for him is the gospel, the good news of God's gracious acceptance and forgiveness of sinners, to which the proper response is faith (i.e. trusting God that He really does accept sinners) and love towards others. This saving work is totally by God's own initiative, His prior action of grace toward the disobedient, meaning the righteous (whose righteousness is self-righteousness, and therefore unrighteousness) and the unrighteous. That grace was effected by Christ's death on the cross; it is made effectual in the life of the one who believes by the power of the indwelling Spirit. The believer therefore is one who is both forgiven of his or her past sins and indwelt by the Spirit, and thus empowered for loving obedience to God" – Gordon Fee, Bible Scholar*

# Home Group Study Guide

## *Gospel-Centered Life: Commitment to Gospel-Centeredness*

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**Getting to Know Me:** (these questions are designed to get your group started and build community)

1. What did you and your family do for Christmas?
2. What are you most looking forward to in 2010?

**Getting Started:** (these questions are designed to "prime the pump" and get the group thinking about the teaching on Sunday)

1. What was one principle/idea/thought that stood out to you from Sunday's sermon?
2. Did you hear much about the gospel in your own church-upbringing? What was your understanding of what the gospel meant growing up?
3. How and when did you first hear the good news about what God has done for you in Jesus Christ?

**Digging Deeper:** (these questions are "text-based" and designed to help get the group talking about the Scriptures together)

1. Paul says that the gospel is not just the beginning of the Christian life but the whole of the Christian life (cf. 1 Cor. 15:1-2). Do you find it difficult to continue to "stand" in the truth of the gospel and believe the good news that in Jesus Christ you are loved and accepted no matter what? Why or why not?
2. Read Rom. 6:11. What do you think Paul means when he says we are to "consider ourselves dead to sin but alive to God?" Do you find this hard or easy to do?
3. What difference do you think it would make in your life to live in full awareness of Rom. 6:11 each day? How would you approach life's difficulties differently?

**Application:**

1. What is one trial you are facing right now in which you need to apply the truth of the gospel to? (Rom. 6:11)
2. How will the promise that in the gospel, God is for you and not against you, shape your outlook on the following week?