

Gospel Life Communities Study Guide

Galatians 6:14, Acts 20:24

Boasting Only In The Cross

This week's study is a bit different, but this past Sunday was a bit different! This week is based on the message "[Boasting Only In The Cross](#)" by John Piper, preached during the summer of 2000.

exploring

we will explore God's word together, looking at the actual words of the passage each week.

digging

we will dig deeper into the word, discussing the context and meaning of the passage.

growing

we will discuss how the passage is applied to our own lives.

going

we will discuss how the passage informs, challenges, and encourages our gospel witness.

exploring

But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

Galatians 6:14

But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

Acts 20:24.

1. Who are the words "me/myself/my/I" referring to in this passage?



2. What is Paul's objective according to these passages?

digging

3. What does Paul mean when he says that the 'world has been crucified to me, and I to the world'?
4. What is the 'gospel of the grace of God'?

growing

5. In the sermon, Piper talked about the death of two elderly ladies who were serving in Cameroon. He said it was not a tragedy. What did he mean? What did he say constitutes a tragedy? Do you agree? Discuss.
6. One quote from the sermon: "Many of you just want to finish school, get a good job, get married, have a family, live comfortably, good vacations, fun retirement, die easy, no hell. And that's all you want. And you don't give a rip if your life counts on this earth for eternity." Did you find this convicting? Discuss.
7. Piper preached that to boast in the cross means that whatever you boast in, it should be under the boasting of the cross. So if you boast in your gifts, or your struggles, or your testimony, that all of those things can only be boasted about because Jesus has purchased you through His death on the cross. Have you thought about your life and your faith this way before?

going

8. The point of this sermon was to get the people to think outside of themselves, outside of their 'american dream', outside of their desire for success or comfort or seashells, and to give their lives to reach the unreached with the gospel. Even if we agree with him, what temptations could stop us from giving our lives fully to this mission?



Pray “Kingdom Prayers”

Kingdom prayers are prayers that don't only focus on the immediate need, but also on God's glory. For example, if someone has a sore knee instead of just praying “God, please heal Betty's knee”, you would pray something like “God, please heal Betty's knee so that she can continue to serve you and your people; so that she can continue attend worship services pain free and give you glory for your healing hand.” See the difference?

Some ideas of what to pray for:

- Each other's needs/requests
- King Road's ministries, missionaries, members, and pastors
- Opportunities to share the gospel

