

# THE GOSPEL

## 1. Who is God?



Bible Studies 2016

I recommend doing some “get to know you” games first.

## Ice breaker

Imagine a friend asks you what Christianity is all about. What are three things will you definitely mention?

Get them to write it down first, or share in pairs. Then ask people to share with the group. Take note of students’ responses! This will give you some insight into what students think the gospel is; and whether they are actually Christian. (Don’t hassle them about their answers. But remember their answers for future conversations.)

## Introduction

Welcome to FOCUS! Our first Bible study series is all about “the gospel”.

The word “gospel” means “good news”, and centres around Jesus Christ. Jesus is good news for humanity because he can take away our sin and shame through his death and resurrection, so that we can be forgiven and friends with God again. This is truly “good news”, isn’t it!

The gospel is at the heart of Christianity. Without the gospel we couldn’t know God, couldn’t be friends with Him, and would be lost in our sin. That’s why we’re studying it in our first series of the year. Every other part of the Christian life flows out from the gospel.

## Knowing God

Read Hebrews 1:1–3. **Mention that we usually use the NIV at FOCUS.**

According to the Bible, how can we know God?

What do we learn about ‘the Son’ here?

Read Acts 17:22–31.

Who is God and what is He like?

What is the relationship between people and God?

## What difference does it make?



HEAD. What have you learnt? What questions do you have?

We're going to use this structure of HEAD HEART HAND at FOCUS this year. The idea is to think how God's Word impacts us in different ways. HEAD is about our thoughts and knowledge. HEART is about our desires, priorities, motives, and feelings. HAND is about our actions and lifestyle.



HEART. If this is true, how will affect your priorities in life?



HAND. What should we do as a result of this study?

## What Jesus said...

John 14

<sup>6</sup> Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

<sup>8</sup> Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us."

<sup>9</sup> Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

Cross ref w TWTL CD talks

## Prayer

Leave time to hear prayer points from each person. It's a great way to help the group begin to bond.

## Talk notes