

# THE GOSPEL



## 1. Who is God?



Bible Studies 2016

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

You may also want to go through Sandra’s “orientation” document that I emailed out a while ago. The study itself isn’t long.

## Ice breaker

What are some of the different ideas that people have about God?

## Introduction

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

The word “gospel” means “good news”, and it’s all about Jesus Christ. Jesus is good news for humanity because he can take away our sin and shame, so that we can be forgiven and friends with God again. This is truly “good news”!

The gospel is at the heart of Christianity. That’s why we’re studying it in our first series of the year.

## Knowing God

Read Hebrews 1:1–2. Mention that we usually use the NIV and CNVS (Chinese) at FOCUS. Could mention the app YouVersion as well.

According to the Bible, how can we know God?

Read Acts 17:24–31.

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."

## Prayer

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

In not-yet-Christian groups it can still be nice to pray. Just have the Christians in the group pray for everyone else.

## Talk notes

I am still deciding if there will be a talk this week or not. You should prepare the study assuming there will not be a talk. Dan.