

Gospel Theology
New Jersey Co-Worker's Fellowship
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Chapter 1: The Gospel is not everything

1. Keller suggests that many pastors misunderstand what the Gospel is...what is the Gospel and in what ways have we misunderstood it?
2. What are the enemies of the Gospel and why is it critical for us to know about them?
3. Keller declares that the Gospel is not merely the minimal standard of Christian orthodoxy but instead is the center and power of all doctrine. What did Keller mean by that?
4. Do you agree, or disagree, that the Gospel should be the "main thing?"

Chapter 2: The Gospel is not a simple thing

1. Keller reminds pastors that the Bible should be read synchronically and diachronically. What does that mean and how are the two connected?
2. In your own study of the Bible and preaching have you tried to keep the two in balance, or have you leaned more towards one or the other?
3. Keller provides a chart that highlights how the Gospel can be expressed through three of the Bible's twenty inter-canonical themes. How have these charts deepen your understanding of the Gospel?

Chapter 3: The Gospel Affects Everything

1. How does Keller use Simon Gathercole's outline of the Gospel to demonstrate the richness of the Gospel is?
2. Keller concludes that a church that truly understands the implications of the biblical gospel will "look like an unusual hybrid of the various church forms and stereo-types."
 - a. How close, or far, does your church resemble the "hybrid" church?
 - b. What obstacles block us from championing and cultivating such a church?
3. Keller doesn't just tell us that the gospel needs to be integrated into everything; he also provides us eleven examples of what it might look like...
 - a. How do those examples help you to better understand how the Gospel is integrated with everything?
 - b. Which example(s) helped you the most?
 - c. How does your now deepened understanding of the Gospel help you think and prepare differently your future sermons?