

**ORGANIC CONVERSATION (WHAT SPOKE TO YOU FROM THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP GATHERING?)**

*Were you challenged or encouraged in any way? How?  
Have you seen anything play out in your life recently?*

**FROM HEAD → HEART → HANDS (MAKING IT REAL)**

The Gospel, even from the very beginning, has always been both REVEALED and DEMONSTRATED-about words and works. We tend to want to, as humans, focus on one or the other in our lives. We want to either *live it* via our works OR *tell it* via our words.

*Which do you tend to lean towards in your life? Where have you seen this make impact in people around you? What is the danger in neglecting the other part of the gospel?*

Acknowledging our shortcomings is step one. Ask around your group for encouragement on how you could bring the FULLNESS of the gospel to how you reveal truth to those around you.

*Do they have any helpful ideas? How will you implement them?*

**THE THREADS OF SCRIPTURE (ADDITIONAL BIBLE PASSAGES FOR STUDY/DISCUSSION)**

*Scripture: Read 1 Peter 3:15*

Peter encourages us to “always be prepared” to reveal truth to those around us. How are we “prepared”? (hint: one way is shared in the very beginning of the verse!)

Obviously Jesus is the “reason for the hope that is in you”, but how/when SPECIFICALLY has Jesus given hope in your life? Let’s practice now in sharing our stories to encourage one another. When has Jesus been most “there for you”?

The end of the verse speaks to the tone which we carry as we reveal the truth of Jesus to others. How are we to share with others?

*What does gentleness and respect look like? How do we share the gospel (which is “sharper than a two-edged sword”) in a gracious way?*

**STEP-BY-STEP (WHAT NOW?)**

While conversation is good, we want to see our lives changed by God! What is God calling you to do in response to His Word?

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