

King's Cross Church strives to be centered on the gospel. That means we never outgrow the gospel. The gospel is both the ABC's of Christian faith and it spans A-Z of the faith. What is the gospel? How do I know if I believe the gospel? How do I center my life on the gospel? This DG Pathway is designed to be the first steps on a lifelong journey of discipleship. It will help you understand and articulate the gospel as you grow in our love for Jesus Christ with the help of the Holy Spirit.



CONSIDER

- What is a Christian? How does someone become a Christian?
- What is the gospel? Who is the gospel for?
- How does a Christian grow? What marks a mature Christian?
- How does the gospel affect my daily life and continue to shape me?



PRAY

Ask God to...

- help you know and experience the glory of God by fully trusting the truth of the gospel
- give you new life in Jesus Christ, or greater gratitude for the new life you have
- grant you repentance for your sins, or a deeper understanding of sin
- give you deeper awe of God, and crisper clarity on the gospel message
- make you a blessing to the people around you as you grow



READ (choose one book and Bible book)

- *The Prodigal God*, Timothy Keller and one of the Gospels
 - We have some [discussion questions](#) available to help get you started. Just let us know.
- *Am I Really a Christian?*, Mike McKinley and 1 John

Example Gospel DG Pathway:

Each week, read and discuss *The Prodigal God (TPG)* and Luke's Gospel

- Week 1: *TPG Intro, Parable*, and Luke 1-3
- Week 2: *TPG Ch. 1* and Luke 4-6
- Week 3: *TPG Ch. 2* and Luke 7-9
- Week 4: *TPG Ch. 3* and Luke 10-12
- Week 5: *TPG Ch. 4* and Luke 13-15
- Week 6: *TPG Ch. 5* and Luke 16-18
- Week 7: *TPG Ch. 6* and Luke 19-21
- Week 8: *TPG Ch. 7* and Luke 22-24



DO

- **Commune** each day reading Scripture, praying, and worshipping God. Tell your DG your plan for spending time with God.
- **Pray** for one another in the group.
- **Read** the assigned reading as agreed upon in your DG. At the end of each DG meeting, clarify the assignment for the next meeting.
- **Determine** to turn away from all known sin and seek accountability in your struggles
- **Commit** to living life with other Christians.
- **Tell** someone who is not a Christian about Jesus and the gospel.
- **Inform** Pastor Matt that your DG is meeting so we can pray for and encourage you (matthew.parks@kingscrossdefiance.com).

WHAT IS A DISCIPLESHIP GROUP?

PURPOSE

The **mission** of our church is to make gospel-centered disciples who delight in Christ, declare His cross and display His love.

The **purpose** of DG's is to equip everyone in our church to have a part in coming alongside others to help them follow Jesus. DG's are groups of 2-4 people of the same gender who meet regularly (usually weekly or bi-weekly) to either discover Christ or grow in Christ. We read the Scriptures and solid Bible-saturated books, pray, and share in the joys and struggles of following Jesus together.

We understand not everyone is an avid reader, but God has revealed himself through words, so let's grow together in our love for Scripture. DG's meet for a defined length of time (usually a few months) or until a Pathway is finished. Then the person/s participating is challenged to go lead someone else through the same Pathway they just finished, with help from your DG leader.

COMMITMENT

Jesus says that if we want to follow Him, we must be committed and willing to take up our cross at great cost to ourselves. Indeed, Jesus says that if we do not bear our own cross we cannot be His disciple (Luke 14:25-33). Following Jesus requires sacrifices of our own schedule, comfort, and priorities. But the reward of following Jesus and suffering for Him is incomparably greater than the cost (Matthew 13:44).

With that in mind, DG's are an opportunity to make sacrifices for the spiritual good of others, and for the glory of God. Before agreeing to participate in this DG Pathway you must pray about it and discuss it with those whom it may affect (eg. your spouse, if married). We want your commitment to be whole-hearted.

- I agree to finish this DG Pathway. Given the significant investment that others are making in me. I acknowledge the need for punctuality and uninterrupted attendance.
- I agree to be honest and forthright. I will speak the truth in love and be willing to receive feedback, even if it hurts. We can only help one another if we are transparent and vulnerable.
- I commit to completing the assignments and coming prepared to engage fully.
- I commit to regular prayer for those in my group.
- I commit to the consistent disciplines of reading Scripture, prayer, and attending the Sunday gathering (if I'm able), during this DG Pathway.
- I commit to leading at least one other person through this DG Pathway in the near future.

Signature _____

Date _____