

Study Guide for “How to Contextualize the Gospel for All Nations” (video)

Review Questions

1. How can there be only one gospel since the Bible has so many different gospel presentations? For example, consider how Paul’s sermons in Acts 13, 17 compare and contrast yet present the same gospel.
2. In every explicit presentation of the gospel in the Bible, what do we always see?
3. The gospel consists of _____ themes and _____ themes. What is the difference between these two types of theme? What does each do?
4. Complete this summary sentence: The gospel tells the grand story about how.....
5. The gospel answers what four questions?
6. Give 1–2 analogy explaining the two types of gospel themes.

Reflection Questions

1. Look at the following passages that discuss the gospel. What are the primary themes that frame each presentation?

2. Why might Paul call Galatians 3:8 the gospel and not merely the background for the gospel?

3. When gospel presentations answer the 4 questions, why does the order matter (in terms of emphasis, not sequence)?

Response Questions

1. What are the primary, overarching themes that tend to shape your gospel presentations?

2. What are subthemes or metaphors that you typically use when sharing the gospel?

3. Do the above themes tend to come from the same sections of Scripture?

4. Why do you emphasize the above themes and not others?

5. Do you tend to mix metaphors and themes in a coherent manner?

6. What passages do you typically use to explain the gospel?
 - a. Do those passages explicitly mention the gospel?

 - b. Which of the two types of themes do these passages emphasize most?

7. Why is it possible to teach biblical truth but not share the gospel in a way that reflects the biblical approach to contextualizing the gospel?

8. How might you need to adjust your presentations in order to become more biblically faithful?