



GOSPEL

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Trials are hard...frustrating...exhausting...and they almost always cost you something. In James 1:2-4 we read that we are to *count it all joy because the testing of our faith produces perseverance*. Tyler reminds us that perseverance doesn't come from standing on our own merits. Perseverance comes from standing on the truth of the Gospel.

READ 1 Corinthians 15:1-2

- We have heard and received the Gospel - past.
- We stand on the truth of the Gospel - present.
- By the Gospel we are saved - future.

When was the first time that you heard and received the Gospel?

READ 2 Corinthians 5:21, 1 Peter 2:24 and Isaiah 53:5

- What is the good news?

1. REMEMBER GOD SEES YOU - READ Romans 3:10-12 and Romans 3:20-24

- What do these passages say to you?
- Do you feel like God sees you? Explain.

2. RECEIVE THE GIFT OF GOD'S GRACE - READ Zephaniah 3:17

- Sometimes it is difficult to receive God's gift of grace because of past shame or guilt. According to these passages, how does God feel about you?

3. STAND ON THE FOUNDATION OF GOD'S LOVE FOR YOU

Every day we need to remind ourselves of the truth and grace of the Gospel. Tyler described it as "reapplying" the truth that we know. Discuss the questions below.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. How have you found yourself trying to stand on your own merits (worth, performance or abilities)?
2. Have you ever felt like God was disappointed in you? Explain.
3. How are you reapplying God's love and grace on a regular basis?

COMMIT TO MEMORY—*“Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.”* 1 Corinthians 15:1-2

CHALLENGE—Every day from now until the new year, find tangible ways to reapply God’s love and grace into your heart and mind. Then reflect back on the changes God has made in your life. Share with a friend who needs to know the good news!