

What is the gospel we share?

WCT weekend away

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Aim of the whole weekend:

To look again at the Gospel we share by
Considering the Gospel in the Gospels so as to
Share faith 'the Jesus way'

A new compass for evangelism?



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Session 2

Discuss: What is the Gospel in the Gospels?
ie what did Jesus say?

His message?

Many facets ..

5 minute conversation



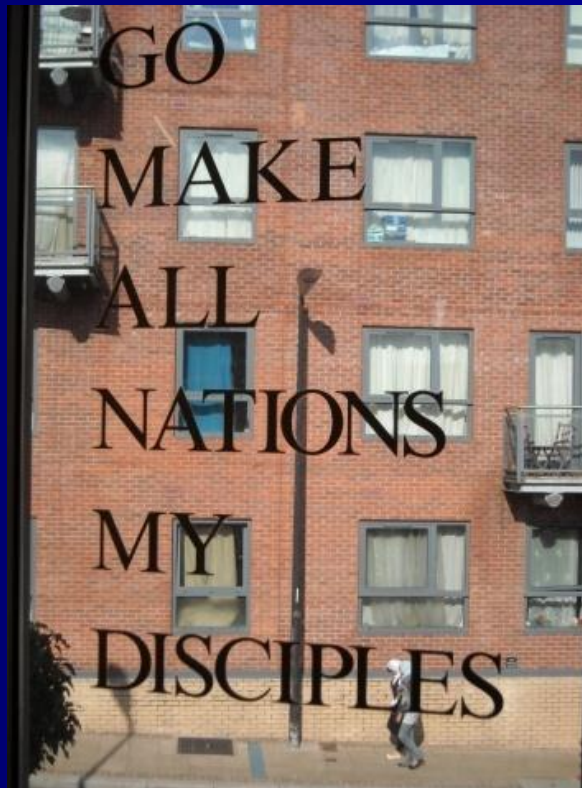
The '360 Gospel of Jesus'

Jesus model is not 'one size fits all'. Just like the facets of a diamond it depends on the angle as to what you see, so ..

- 'Repent and believe'
- 'Follow me'
- 'You must be born again'.
- 'Give away your goods to the poor'
- 'Take up your cross'
- etc



Gospel - exciting adventure



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John V Taylor quote

List encounters with Jesus

Q: What must I do?

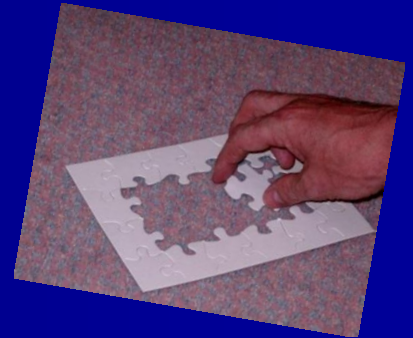
A: Mk 10:17-21 / Luke 10: 25-28



Big picture from:



- All pieces of the jigsaw
- From all four Gospels
- Removing duplicates
- Listing 'as given' words of Jesus
- Taking 'top 50' out of 84
- Looking at all facets and
- Possible answers to question: 'what must I do to inherit eternal life'.



Word picture of 'top 50 texts'



Q - What does this 'word cloud' say to us about the gospel?

Inherited evangelism model?

- Preaching
- Bible bashing
- Pressure
- Judged



Pastor and Evangelist story



Mission together - principle

Christ's intercessory (high priestly) prayer

'I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.'

John 17: 20b,21.



The compass: '360' gospel of Jesus

Principles:

1. Three stories
2. Their story and God's story > my story
3. What they hear is more important than what I say
4. At appropriate time, name the name of Jesus
5. Don't point finger – Jesus didn't
6. The motivation, and the gift, is love
7. John 3:16 'gospel in a nutshell'

