

Gospel Truths / The Gospel Changes Us - Week 4

Scripture: Matthew 18: 15-20

Questions

1. What about the sermon challenged you most? Is there anything in particular you want to dive deeper into?
2. Pastor Shaen said that a "gospel-changed" church looks different and behaves differently. He outlined four major ways you see the difference from Ephesians 4:
3. A gospel changed church: "Puts off lies and puts on the truth!"
 - Is there such a thing as a "white lie" - a lie that doesn't hurt anybody?
 - Why is it so absolutely necessary that we be truthful in the body of Christ?
4. A gospel changed church: "Puts off anger and puts on trust!"
 - Why is trust the only real cure for anger?
 - Why is harboring anger and resentment toward others toxic within the body of Christ?
5. A gospel changed church: "Puts off stealing and puts on generosity!"
 - State one thing that stealing reveals about a person.
 - Discuss the difference in the heart of a person who steals and a person who is generous.
6. A gospel changed church: "Puts off rotten speech and puts on gracious speech."
 - Discuss how the same idea can be communicated negatively or encouragingly and affirming. Give examples.
 - Read James 3:11-12. What does gossip reveal about our hearts? Why is gossip so toxic to the body of Christ?
7. Spend some time praying for each other - that we would live out this gospel characteristics in our lives.