

The Great Giveaway

A course in promoting the gospel

07 Telling Jesus' Story

1. WHAT IS 'THE GOSPEL'?

- If someone were to ask you to explain what 'the gospel' is, what would you say? What is 'the gospel'?

The letters of the New Testament contain a number of 'gospel' summaries, where the content of 'the gospel' is made explicit.

- Look up the following passages:

Romans 1:2-4; 1 Corinthians 15:1-5; 2 Timothy 2:8

- What do you notice about all these gospel summaries; what do they have in common?

Now read Acts 10:34-43 and 13:16-39. These are examples of what the apostles preached when they preached 'the gospel'.

- What do these 'sermons' have in common with the gospel summaries above?
- What is different about them?

Drawing together the threads of our study so far, 'the gospel' is:

A retelling of the events of Jesus' life..... (the **structure** of the gospel)
which focuses on his death and resurrection..... (the **heart** of the gospel)
and shows him to be God's Saviour & Lord..... (the **significance** of the gospel)

*** Ask people if they have any questions.**

2. THE GOSPEL IN TWO WORDS – A GOSPEL OUTLINE

Read the through the handout, 'The gospel in two words' (your Leader will have a copy of this for you). Do Exercises 1 -3.

Once you have completed the Exercises spend some time discussing how this series of studies on promoting the gospel has been helpful (or not, as the case may be!). Please record people's comments and bring them along to our next Home Group Leaders meeting.