

## **The Gospel in EIGHT WORDS**

It is important for Christians to hear the Gospel continually and consistently. What exactly is the Gospel message?


## **UNASHAMED of the GOSPEL**

The early Christians were mocked, ridiculed, overlooked in society, and even killed for their faith. But they were all unashamed and continued to endure the hardships that came with following Jesus. What does it mean for us to be unashamed?

Unashamed Christians...

...are \_\_\_\_\_ by Christ to endure \_\_\_\_\_.

...are \_\_\_\_\_ Christ with their afterlife because of \_\_\_\_\_.

...are \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

...are depositing the gospel into \_\_\_\_\_.

# Discussion Questions

## Getting Started

1. How can believers be unashamed of their faith in a world that is antagonistic towards Jesus Christ, Christians, and the Bible? In what ways have you seen the persecution of Christians and their beliefs increase over the years?

## Digging Deeper

2. Why is it important to see God as sovereign over evil? When we are persecuted, how can we see that as fulfilling the purposes of God? Read Hebrews 10:32-39 and 12:6-7.
3. Read Matthew 13:21. Do you know someone who has fallen away from their faith because of persecution or trouble? Is there something you could do to encourage them to see their trouble as a sign that they are being faithful to God?
4. Read 1 Peter 5:8-9. Do the qualities of these verses apply to you? Does your heart go out to those around the world who are suffering because of their faith?

## Applying the Word to Life

5. We are called to carry on the responsibility of putting the gospel in the hearts of the younger generation. Who has the Spirit burdened you with the desire to deposit the gospel into their heart? Share the Gospel with one person this week.
6. Do you hold onto sound teaching? Do you test everything with Scripture (Acts 17:11)? Do you measure parenting strategies, marriage expectations, work standards, and cultural norms against what the Bible teaches?
7. Do you live a life of grace? Do you genuinely believe that your eternal life in heaven is secure because of God's gift to you, or do you perform daily to win God's approval?