

*High View of the Gospel / Being a Gospel-centered Church.*

1. Define the gospel
2. What does a gospel-centered life look like?
  - Confidence to draw near to God
  - Genuine intimacy with God
  - A life marked by transformation
  - A life lived in a gospel-centered community
3. What does a gospel-centered community look like?

A corporate identity rooted in Christ (over and against an identity rooted in other things - i.e. doctrinal purity, numbers, cultural relevance, social gospel, history of a church)

4. How will a gospel-centered culture develop?
    - Through teaching ministries of the church (preaching, Sunday School, Small Groups, etc.)
    - A community that confesses its sin to one another
    - A community that forgives often and deeply
    - An evangelistic community
    - A missions minded community
    - A community that trains its people how to apply the gospel to daily life
- Gospel-centered parenting
  - Gospel-centered dating

Discussions:

1. Based on the criteria laid out, is CBCOC a gospel-centered church?
2. If no (even if yes), how can we develop a culture of growth in the gospel?
3. Turn to 1 Samuel 17:1-58 – perhaps the most famous story of the Old Testament in David and Goliath. What would be a gospel-centered way to interpret the story vs. a moralistic way of understanding the story?