

Gospel-Centered Discipling – Session 1
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“What Do You See?”

“Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children” (Ephesians 5:1)

1. Understanding “white noise.”
2. When you read Ephesians 5:1, what do you see?
3. What does it mean to imitate God? How would you implement this command?
4. Aside from the command to imitate him, what else is in the verse? To what does the “therefore” refer?
5. What happens when the indicatives of the NT become white noise.
 - a. Matthew 25:24-25.
 - b. How we think of him:
 - c. How we think of ourselves:
 - d. How we think of others:
6. Beloved children or begrudging slaves.
 - a. He’s Beloved – Matthew 3:31; 17:5, Ephesians 1:6
 - b. We’re Beloved – John 17:23
 - c. We’re beloved children, not houseguests, foster children or slaves.
 - d. He’s making us into his image – Ephesians 4:24, Romans 8:29.
7. Why do we press the indicatives of the gospel out to the periphery of our faith?
 - a. Ignorance
 - b. Arrogance

“Seeing Your Savior”

“And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord,
are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another.”

(2 Corinthians 3:18)

1. Every normal living thing grows.
2. We all long for progress.
3. How do we progress? 2 Corinthians 3:18-4:18
 - a. Looking at the Law?
 - b. Looking at our failures?

- c. Looking at the “glory of the Lord”?
- 4. We see his glory in the gospel – 2 Corinthians 4:4-6
- 5. We see his glory in the “means of grace” he’s given.
 - a. When the gospel is preached
 - i. 1 Peter 1:23-25
 - ii. Romans 1:16
 - iii. Romans 16:25
 - iv. Colossians 1:23
 - v. I Corinthians 15:1-2
 - vi. John 15:3
 - vii. Hebrews 10:22
 - viii. John 3:16, 1 John 4:10-11
 - ix. Romans 10:13, 17
 - b. Personal study of the Word
 - i. Understanding what you’re reading
 - 1. Law
 - 2. Gospel
- 6. Taste, see, feel, hear, *remember!*
 - a. Baptism

“...as surely as water washes dirt away from the body, so certainly his blood and his Spirit wash away my soul’s impurity, in other words, all my sins.” (HC #69)
 - b. In the Lord’s Supper

“...as surely as I see with my eyes the bread of the Lord broken for me and the cup given to me, so surely his body was offered and broken for me and his blood poured out for me on the cross...as surely as I receive from the hand of the one who serves, and taste with my mouth the bread and cup of the Lord, given to me as sure signs of Christ’s body and blood, so surely he nourishes and refreshes my soul for eternal life with his crucified body and poured-out blood.” (HC #70)
- 7. In gospel-centered fellowship with other believers (Ephesians 4:7, 15-16).
 - a. Ongoing accountability (James 5:16, Galatians 6:1-2).
 - b. Immense riches (Romans 15:14; 12:10).

- c. In jars of clay (2 Corinthians 4:7). We're all sinful and flawed.
- 8. When we see him we shall be like him (1 John 3:1f).
 - a. We shall bear his image (1 Corinthians 15:49).
 - b. We'll know joy and pleasure (Psalm 16:11).
 - c. Even though we don't see him with our eyes, we still rejoice (1 Peter 1:7-8).
 - d. Seeing God's glory transformed Moses (Exodus 33:20f).
 - e. Seeing God's glory as demonstrated in the gospel transforms us and this glory will never fade!