

GOSPEL TRANSFORMATION

In this course we will learn that the Gospel has the power not only to save us, but also to transform us too. This transformation takes place when we believe by faith that we are the adopted sons and daughters of God whose needs are met in Christ. Each week, students will work through a series of scripturally based lessons and participate in discussion-oriented lectures. Specifically, we'll look at what it means to say, "I am worse than I think I am, and the Gospel is greater than I realize." We will uncover near and far idols in our lives, learn how faith and repentance lead to freedom and peace and spot the two enemies of the Gospel—Relativism and Moralism.

Objectives:

1. Learn about the extremity of our brokenness and the extremity of God's pursuit.
2. Identify the idols in our lives.
3. Understand belief and see how it is our greatest need.
4. Grasp the meaning of adoption.
5. Discover the implications of justification by faith and sanctification by faith.
6. Identify the "tell signs" of the gospel.
7. See how the gospel propels us into missions.

Sunday night classes meet from 5PM-7PM. Wednesday night classes meet from 6PM-7:45PM.

Note: Both the Sunday & Wednesday classes will meet for the opening session August 16 at 5PM-7PM.

Required Text Books: These will be provided for you.

The Prodigal God by Timothy Keller
How People Change by Lane & Tripp

Workbook: This will be provide for you the week before class starts and will be the basis for your weekly assignments.

SCHEDULE

WEEK 1 AUGUST 16

Instructor: Neil Williams

Theme: What is our story? We are broken and in need the Gospel.

Complete Tab 1

WEEK 2 AUGUST 23 & 26

Instructor: Robbyn Abedi

Theme: The extremity of our brokenness. The extremity of God's pursuit.

Complete Tab 2

WEEK 3 AUGUST 30 & SEPTEMBER 2

Instructor: Robbyn Abedi

Theme: Idols, Idols, Idols

Complete Tab 3

LABOR DAY BREAK

WEEK 4 SEPTEMBER 13 & 16

Instructor: Robbyn Abedi

Theme: The flesh and it's "over" desires

Complete Tab 4

WEEK 5 SEPTEMBER 20 & 23

Instructor: Robbyn Abedi

Theme: Belief: our central issue, our greatest need.

Complete Tab 5

WEEK 6 SEPTEMBER 27 & 30

Instructor: Jonathan McIntosh

Theme: Adoption: a place to belong

Complete Tab 6

WEEK 7 OCTOBER 4 & 7

Instructor: Scott Lees

Theme: Repentance, prodigal sons and transformation

Complete Tab 7

WEEK 8 OCTOBER 11 & 14

Instructor: Robbyn Abedi

Theme: Repenting and new desires: the vehicle of the Holy Spirit

Complete Tab 8

WEEK 9 OCTOBER 18 & 21

Instructor: Robbyn Abedi

Theme: The "tell signs" of the Gospel.

Complete Tab 9

WEEK 10 OCTOBER 25 & 28

Instructor: Robbyn Abedi

Theme: The "one anothers": learning to live in the Gospel

Complete Tab 10

WEEK 11 NOVEMBER 1 & 4

Instructor: Robbyn Abedi

Theme: Gospel always, always, always results in Mission

Complete Tab 11

WEEK 12 NOVEMBER 8 & 11

Instructor: Neil Williams

Theme: Gospel Transformation a semester in review.

Instructors:

Neil H. Williams (D.Th., University of South Africa) was raised in South Africa and at present works as a writer and spiritual mentor. He has pastored a church for five years in New York City, was on the faculty at a Bible college in Cape Town, and has written a wide variety of materials on spiritual transformation, including *Gospel Transformation*. His newest book, soon to be released, is on the gender debate: *The maleness of Jesus: why Christianity is good news for women*. He lives outside Philadelphia with his wife Lori, and two children, Matthew and Nathan. Among his interests are bike-riding and playing classical piano.

Robbyn Abedi serves at The Orchard (UMC) in Tupelo, MS as one of the pastors. He teaches and disciples courses on gospel living in the church and throughout Tupelo, and coordinates and leads missional programs in Tupelo, Ecuador, Nicaragua and Ghana. While at The Orchard, Robbyn has tried to create a missional approach to local and international missions that views missions as a response to what Jesus has done for us rather than an as a moral obligation. Prior to the Orchard, he worked as a missionary for three years in Western Europe and the Middle East where he taught and disciplined young adults, studied Arabic and helped implement church planting strategies and discipleship programs to reach Muslims.

Jonathan McIntosh is a teaching pastor at The Journey in St. Louis—one of the fastest growing churches in the ACTS 29 Network. His passion is to equip churches to understand the dynamic nature of the gospel and learn how to better contextualize that gospel for emerging cultures. Jonathan has a knack for cultural exegesis and he created The Journey's cultural engagement ministries that have attracted media attention worldwide. He lives in St. Louis with his wife Ashley and two daughters Cora & Nola.