

# MIDWEEK EQUIP

## Gospel Guide [Chapter 1, What is The Gospel?]: Handout & Discussion Questions

**SUBJECT:** The doctrine of **God and Man's State**.

The sinners prayer (and alter calls)  
\*The alternative method and practice

**Mark 1:15**

WE HAVE TO BEGIN WITH GOD.

God is Creator, Spirit, Holy, Personal

**Jeremiah 10:12,**  
**Habakkuk 1:13,**  
**Isaiah 59:2**

[J.I Packer, Knowing God]

“What makes life worthwhile is having a big enough objective, something which catches our imagination and lays hold of our allegiance, and this the Christian has in a way that no other person has. For what higher, more exalted, and more compelling goal can there be than to know God?”

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Though it is one of the greatest mysteries of all, we are told that God is loving, merciful, and kind...

**Psalms 86:15**

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[Chapter 2, Paragraph 1]

The Lord our God is but one only living and true God; 1 whose subsistence is in and of Himself, 2 infinite in being and perfection; whose essence cannot be comprehended by any but Himself; 3 a most pure spirit, 4 invisible, without body, parts, or passions, who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; 5 who is immutable, 6 immense, 7 eternal, 8 incomprehensible, almighty, 9 every way infinite, most holy, 10 most wise, most free, most absolute; working all things according to the counsel of His own immutable and most righteous will, 11 for His own glory; 12 most loving, gracious, merciful, long-suffering, abundant in goodness and truth, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin; the rewarder of them that diligently seek Him, 13 and withal most just and terrible in His judgments, 14 hating all sin, 15 and who will by no means clear the guilty. 16

**1** 1 Cor. 8:4,6; Deut. 6:4

**5** 1 Tim. 1:17; Deut. 4:15-16

**9** Gen. 17:1

**2** Jer. 10:10; Isa. 48:12

**6** Mal. 3:6

**10** Isa. 6:3

**3** Exod. 3:14

**7** 1 Kings 8:27; Jer. 23:23

**11** Ps. 115:3; Isa. 46:10

**4** John 4:24

**8** Ps. 90:2

**12** Prov. 16:4; Rom. 11:36

**13** Exod. 34:6-7; Heb. 11:6, **14** Neh. 9:32-33, **15** Ps. 5:5-6, **16** Exod. 34:7; Nahum 1:2-3

[Gospel Guide, Headers]:

- The Problem with Man
- God's Means of saving Man

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“Any honest individual, when faced with God’s standard, will admit to falling short. The Bible calls this rebellion or sin. All have sinned—none can escape that charge.”

[Question]: **What is God’s standard?**

**Romans 3:10-12, 23**

**Matthew 22:37**

Man's State [Total Depravity]:

- Sin has corrupted our heart, (**Jeremiah 17:9**)
- Sin has corrupted our soul, (**Ezekiel 18:4**)
- Sin has corrupted our strength, (**Jeremiah 17:5**)
- Sin has corrupted our mind, (**Jeremiah 17:10**)

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God could have simply executed the punishment of the law upon rebellious man... but He didn't.

He has an eternal plan to bring the greatest good out of man's evil. And that plan is wrapped up in a person—the person of Jesus Christ.

**Galatians 2:20**

## GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

[Q1] What is the worst news you have ever heard? Think and consider why The Gospel is the greatest good news?

Read **John 3:16-21** as a group.

[Q2] What does this passages teach us about **God's character, sacrificial love and grace**?

[Q3] What does this passages teach us about **man's state** and need?

[Q4] How does a proper view of God's holiness and sovereignty help us to better understand the gospel and the saving power of Jesus?

[Closing Prayer] (If you are a believer), thank God for His Gospel and saving grace through Jesus Christ. Thank Him that it depended on Him and not on you. Pray that God would give you courage and comfort in sharing this good news.

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## RESOURCES:

Listen to Pastor David's sermon on Ephesians 2:8-10 from the series "The Dearest Place On Earth" or his sermon on John 3:1-15 from the series "That You May Believe" at [redeemersw.com/sermons](http://redeemersw.com/sermons).

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