



LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Session X: Gospeling

Gospeling is the practice of applying the balm of the gospel to a person's _____, _____, _____, _____ or _____. It is how we counsel people into the gospel.

I. Listen with Gospel Ears: There is **one** dominant Story that all stories will ultimately find their place in and finally be complete because of and that is God's Story – The Gospel. His Story precedes, finishes, corrects and ultimately makes sense of all other stories. In order to effectively administer the Gospel to people we must listen with “_____” for where any part of someone's story is not in line with or influenced by The Gospel.

II. God is Sovereign: Through the _____ of God and the _____ of the Holy Spirit each Missional Community gathering and Fight Club will be unique in that the Spirit will determine who and how to settle upon. Members of the MC should leave their agenda at the door and _____ to the leading of the Spirit.

III. Don't Make it About You: When a person is sharing their story do not reply with comments such as “Oh yeah, I do the same thing... just the other day I was...” You just redirected the conversation off of the person who was sharing and onto yourself. It's okay to identify with a person in their struggles but keep the focus on _____.

IV. Save All Advice for Later: The gospel is good news not good advice. Advice seeks to change _____ without changing the _____. The heart is the only place real change takes place and that is where the gospel changes us so we seek to engage people on a heart level. That means if a person is struggling with a pornography addiction we don't start with advice like “You need to

have accountability software on your computer” The person’s problem is a lot deeper than software. They look at porn because they WANT to. It’s about their hearts desires. You could ask questions such as “Why do they desire porn more than intimacy with God?” “How does viewing porn make you feel- before, during and after?” “What are they failing to believe about God? Where are they not seeing or feeling the weight of their sin? Which one of the 4 g’s are they not believing?”

V. Allow Feelings: When we are gospeling we desire to create a safe place for people to share. That means that often times they will be emotional. They will cry or get angry or experience a myriad of emotions in between. These emotions will reveal things in their heart therefore we don’t want to do things that will put a check on them. Things such as putting a hand on someone’s shoulder while crying sends non-verbal cues to the other person to “get it together” or “You’re making us all really uncomfortable” therefore we don’t do those things when a person is crying. If a person is really angry we might say “What is it that is making you so angry right now?” Instead of telling the person to calm down or allowing ourselves to get angry at them. Emotions are usually _____ directing us to a heart idol.

VI. Limit Sharing: It is especially important as groups grow that each person _____ the amount of sharing that they give on a week-to-week basis. Gospeling is not effective when 25 people are all trying to get a word in. God may be showing you something or you might just have something you want to say but often times it is helpful to hold it to yourself and pray on it for a few minutes before speaking up, especially in a larger group. If certain people are dominating conversations and not allowing others to speak into things, a leader will need to ask them to please limit their sharing for a little while.

VII. Confidentiality: Since we desire to create a safe place for intimacy and sharing, keeping things _____ is of the utmost importance. Nobody wants his or her junk to end up on Facebook. It is also important for participants to understand that some things could be shared with pastors in order for good shepherding and discipleship to take place.