



WHY DON'T PEOPLE GET THE GOSPEL



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Lesson Introduction

Do you know people who are wonderful, honest, and kind - who live like Christians but aren't?

Do you know people who are usually mild, easy-going people - but who get suddenly agitated by the mention of Jesus?

Ever wondered why?



Big Picture

We live in a world blinded to God's gospel by the spiritual forces pitted against God, only God can make his light shine in our hearts so we see Jesus clearly.



Bible Passage

While you read – Why is the gospel received or rejected?

Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. ³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:1-6



Key Truths

1. The gospel of Jesus is veiled to those who are perishing. The gospel isn't just unclear or confusing for some people; they are actually blind to its truth.
2. People are blind to the gospel because the god of this age has blinded their minds. There are spiritual forces actively opposed to people seeing Jesus and his magnificence.
3. People don't come to Jesus morally neutral; they are biased against Jesus. If we understand this, we won't be surprised by people's responses.
4. As we seek to share Jesus with our colleagues, we can be confident that God will open blind eyes. If God can cause light to shine in darkness on the first day of creation, how much more can he cause light to shine in our hearts. If he has done it for us, he can do it for our colleagues.

Thoughts? Questions?



Application

If blind eyes are to see, it's going to take an act of God. So too, when it comes to spiritual blindness, only God can help people see Jesus clearly – not our cleverness, or strategies, or persuasiveness.

As we help people meet Jesus in the pages of the Bible, we do so trusting that God will graciously drop the veil from some people's eyes. We hope that God will help people see Christ for who he is, as everyone will one day see him when he returns in glory. But our hope is that it will happen now, rather than when it's too late.



Prayer

Pray that God will allow our colleagues and friends to see Jesus truly as they read a gospel with us.

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