



**HATFIELD  
CHRISTIAN  
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## **LIFE GROUP GUIDELINE TERM 4 WEEK 2**

**26 October 2017**

### **The Gospel the world needs**

‘To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ.’

Ephesians 3:8 (NASB)

#### **Icebreaker**

Have you been on an outreach before? How was the Gospel of Jesus shared?

#### **Introduction**

When we look at the current difficulties facing our world, we realise that the world needs a message of hope. Last week we learnt that the church has a role to play in spreading God’s message of hope: the Gospel. The ‘prosperity gospel’ places our needs at the centre of the Gospel message. The ‘gospel of suffering’ places an emphasis on what we are willing to give up, again placing us at the centre of the Gospel message. The world needs a Gospel that is centred in Christ.

#### **Discussion**

- How have you understood the emphasis of the Gospel message?
- Discuss this statement: ‘The Gospel of Jesus gives hope to the needy and challenges the idolatry of the greedy.’ How have you experienced this?
- Read Ephesians 3:8-10. Discuss what the ‘unfathomable riches of Christ’ means.
- Read Philippians 4:11-13. Are you in need or are you in a place of comfort? What does ‘doing all things *through* Christ’ mean for you and your situation?

#### **Prayer**

- Pray for those who are in need, trusting that *through* Christ their needs will be met.
- Pray for each other, that we would learn to be content and view our circumstances through Christ’s wisdom.
- Pray for opportunities this week to spread the Gospel of Jesus.