

Rise Up and Press In—Session one

1. The key to Esther’s courage and actions: she saturated the entire challenge in _____.
 2. The local church is the _____ of the world.
 3. We are to be sound-minded, self-controlled for the _____ of prayer. (1Pet.4:7-8)
 4. We are to stay balanced and _____ on the things of God.
 5. This will enable our communication to be clear, reasonable, specific and _____ to Him.
 6. The pressures, divisions and trials we experience are designed to have the Gospel formed in our _____.
 7. We need a narrative that transcends left and right, black and white—and that narrative is the _____ of Jesus Christ.
 8. _____ taught us everything there is to know about prayer.
 9. Our _____ as followers of Christ is to love one another.
 10. As we embrace the things in God’s Word, we can move through our days with an *urgent* _____.
 11. Let’s strive to over-communicate _____.
 12. We are called to mold culture and to be _____ not thermometers.
 13. The book of Habakkuk addresses the common struggle to _____ God.
 14. God can raise up _____ to accomplish His purposes.
 15. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is a liberating, transforming and unifying _____; it is one that transcends and permeates geographical, political, social, and economic barriers.
- It is His story that changes lives. As His story has changed our lives, we now have the privilege of taking it to the ends of the earth—*it is a story that matters*, and that is why we gather.
 - ***An encouragement to all of us Gospel communicators:
In an age of uncertainty & unprecedented opportunity, we need to offer less “I think”, “I feel”, “I Believe”.***
And more of this: “This is what God tells us through His Word.”
Our language is a barometer of the kind of lasting hope we are offering to the world.
If God’s Word is true, why would I want anyone to stake their life on my opinion?” ~Louie Giglio

Questions for group discussion:

1. Introduce yourself to the group and tell them one thing about yourself or your story that they may not know. (*For example: You are a rabid Cougar fan!*)
2. What was the highlight of the lesson you just heard?
3. Have you ever spent time in the book of Habakkuk? What are your personal hopes for your time in this study?
4. In today’s lesson, we discussed hope and peace along with speaking the narrative of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. What are some ways that you bring these to bear into your arena of influence?
5. *Do the study questions for week one in your study books, and come back prepared to share with your group next week!*