

# Gospel

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## OPENING QUESTION

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How would you introduce yourself to someone you wanted to impress?

### READ Romans 1:1–32.

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**1. What is the “Gospel” (literally translated: “Good News”)?**

- A. Jesus died for my sins.
- B. Jesus died for the sins of the whole world.
- C. Jesus rules the universe.
- D. You can become better than you are.
- E. Jesus is returning to earth a second time.
- F. You reap what you sow.
- G. God loves you.
- H. God is full of both mercy and justice.
- I. Other.

**2. What has been the Gospel at different times in your life?**

- A. Forgiveness.
- B. Power.
- C. Hope.
- D. Mercy.
- E. Grace.
- F. A friend.
- G. The Holy Spirit.
- H. A new perspective.
- I. Other.

**3. What is the Gospel for Jews compared to the Gospel for Gentiles?**

- A. It's the same.
- B. Jews have received more revelations than Gentiles.
- C. Messiah for Jews; Supreme Being for Gentiles.
- D. It has to come to people in their own context.
- E. Jesus.
- F. I have no idea what you're talking about.
- G. God's promises fulfilled.
- H. Both require faith
- I. Other.

**4. To whom are you most effective in sharing the Gospel?**

- A. People who are a lot like me.
- B. People who are different from me.
- C. Those who have grown up as Christians.
- D. People who have little or no interest in God.
- E. People who are down and out.
- F. Powerful people.
- G. I don't share the Gospel.
- H. I live it rather than talk about it.
- I. Other.

**5. Why do people reject the revelation of God in creation?**

- A. They just don't see it.
- B. Nature reveals evolution and natural selection; not God.
- C. They don't want to worship something invisible to them.
- D. It's easier to worship a golden calf.
- E. Lack of gratitude.
- F. Submission is not something they will do.
- G. Our sense of achievement or entitlement—this earth is mine.
- H. Other.

**6. Why does God abandon people to their evil ways?**

- A. God honors our freedom of choice.
- B. Sometimes it's best to wait until people are ready to change.
- C. God would rather have us cold than lukewarm.
- D. That's the best way for them to come to their senses.
- E. If he didn't give them a break, he might just destroy them.
- F. It's God's form of "tough love."
- G. Equal treatment—you abandon me and I'll abandon you.
- H. Other.

**7. What is your paraphrase of *Romans 1:16-17*?**

**8. Where do you see people brazenly going against God and even encouraging others to do likewise?**