

What is a Healthy Church Member
Week 3 Study Guide

1) Summarize the Gospel.

2) On the other handout, I've listed all the Scriptures that contain the word "gospel." Which of these Scriptures could you use to support each of the following points?

- a) The Gospel requires a response from all men
- b) You lose nothing if you devote your life to the Gospel
- c) The Gospel comes with power on those who believe
- d) Believers must hold fast to the Gospel
- e) Believers must guard the Gospel diligently against distortions
- f) The Gospel must be proclaimed to every nation
- g) Yet many will reject the Gospel

3) What other themes do you see as prevalent in these verses?

4) In what sense do *unbelievers* need to hear the Gospel? In what sense do *believers* need to keep hearing the Gospel? What verses in the other handout help support your point?

5) Now read chapter 3 of *What is a Healthy Church Member*? Read carefully the second paragraph on p. 39. Do you agree with Thabiti or not? Explain.

6) After reading this chapter, reassess your summary of the Gospel from question 1, and revise it if necessary. What aspect of your explanation did you change, if any? Why?

7) What does Thabiti mean by telling you to “appropriate [the Gospel] for any sins that you become conscious of” (p. 41)? How do you do this? Why is it beneficial?

8) Consider pages 42-44. What do you personally need to change so that you might order your life around the Gospel more fully and to share the Gospel with others more regularly?

9) How can the congregation and elders work together to guard the Gospel? Why is it important for the congregation to play its role?