

GROWTH GUIDE

FOR YOU. YOUR FAMILY. YOUR GROUP.

Unexplainable Joy The Protection of Joy

For the week of **October 29, 2017**

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GOAL: To be able to protect the gospel in my own life.

GET GOING:

1. Have you ever heard someone defending the gospel? Have you ever defended the gospel yourself? What would you say to someone who is hesitant to speak up for his or her faith?

2. This weekend, Pastor Ron shared several ways to protect the gospel in your life. In which of these do you need to grow? In which are you already doing well?

3. Review the “5 Solas of the Reformation.” Which of these is the most meaningful to you, and why?

BONUS THOUGHT:

Before the Reformation, the Bible wasn't in everyday language: it was only in Latin, and only church leaders knew how to read it. Martin Luther was one of the pioneers of translating the Bible into the language of the people and published his New Testament translation in easy-to-read German in 1522.

MEMORY VERSE:

“But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ” (Philippians 3:7).

KEEP GROWING:

4. Read Romans 3:21-31. Here, Paul gives an amazing summary of the gospel message.

- What parallels do you see between this passage and Philippians 3:1-11?

- In what ways do the passages compliment one another to give a more holistic picture of salvation?

- Which aspects of protecting the gospel from this weekend's message do you see in Romans 3:21-31?

5. Read Philippians 3:7 again. Paul counts his accomplishments in life before he knew Christ as a loss. What can you count as loss for the sake of knowing Christ? In other words, what doesn't matter anymore because your relationship with Jesus trumps everything else?

BONUS CHALLENGE:

With whom in your life do you need to share the gospel? We only inherited our faith because of bold people like Martin Luther who protected the gospel and shared it. Spend some time this week praying about where God might be leading you to share.