



## Small Group Sermon Response Questions - Week of 8/10/14

### “God Is The Good News”

*(The gospel is “good news” because it enables joy in God’s glory,  
not just because it gets us His good gifts.)*

- 6:30 to 6:45 — Meet & Greet / Conversation
  - 6:45 to 7:30 — Sermon Response Time
    - 7:30... — Smaller Groups for Accountability and Prayer

1. Personally respond to Piper’s question about being satisfied with a Christ-less “heaven.”
  
2. Discuss the sermon’s assertion that our witnessing should not just be a contrast between the pleasantness of Heaven and the misery of Hell. Is there ever a place for that conversation?
  
3. “God is the Good News” Explained In Christ’s Accomplishments
  - a. Did this portion of the sermon make sense? Review and discuss.
  
  - b. Contrast the value of being impressed by deep scriptural truths and a compelling redemption story with the danger of stopping at those things and missing the Author.
  
4. “God is the Good News” Illustrated Through Christ’s Miracles
  - a. Do you see how this portion of the sermon supported the central theme? What other examples can you think of from Jesus’ miracles?
  
5. “God is the Good News” Applied For Christ’s Church
  - a. Personally respond to the sermon’s question about being satisfied with a “thriving” but Christ-less church.
  
  - b. Discuss the delicate balance between not worshipping God’s good gifts on the one hand, and on the other not ungratefully neglecting them. How does true worship hold us in balance?
  
  - c. What does the alternative to “nagging” or “intercom” prayer look like?
  
6. What other initial reflections, questions, or evaluation do you have regarding the sermon? What have you seen of God, yourself, the gospel, and/or the life of faith? What has God been teaching you in your own personal study lately?