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EPISODE 16: HOW TO LEAD NIGHT 4

SUMMARY

In this session we talk about the skill of applying the gospel in the making of disciples. We do this on two fronts. One is calling women away not only from outright sin but also from self-righteousness and toward gospel belief, repentance, and obedience. Two is freely and directly addressing sin in a way that is redemptive.

THIS SESSION WILL BE A SUCCESS IF:

- We clearly grasp the truth that our sanctification must be grounded in and animated by our justification.
- We see the differences between 'moralism' and 'gospel' and develop skills to help the women we are discipling recognize those differences.
- We understand how to marry a willingness to confront and correct sin with a tone and trajectory that is redemptive.
- We differentiate between our role and God the Spirit's role in moving people to repentance and holy living.

WORD

Read and reflect on 2 Samuel 11:1 – 12:15. This is the story of David and Bathsheba's sin and Nathan's rebuke. We will work a "Fruit-to-Root" exercise with this text.

- Make note of all the sinfulness of David and/or Bathsheba in this episode, including sins of commission, omission, motive, etc. We need to feel the weight of this as it is representative of the depravity of every one of us and everyone we will disciple.
- Make note of Nathan's way with David. He does not avoid the hard work of correcting David's sin, but he does so in a certain manner. What are all the observations that you can

make of his tactics, his tone, his trajectory? And what about the tactics, tone, trajectory that are not a part of his rebuke? How would you naturally have approached this if you were in Nathan's shoes?

READING

Read Tim Keller's *The Essence of Gospel Renewal* (9 pages) and be ready to engage in conversation on the difference between "irreligion, religion and gospel."

CASE STUDIES

Jane is brand new to Seven Mile Road and has connected with your gospel community. She's a good mom, hard worker, and generally avoids the big sins in life. She was raised in a Roman Catholic home that was devoutly religious. She is constantly asking questions like "So what are the rules here?" and "Do you think I am doing everything that I am supposed to?" When you ask her what she likes about the church she says, "I love the people and the community. And it's good to be back around church and Jesus and stuff."

- How would you begin to disciple Jane?
- What questions would you ask?
- What truths-about-God/Scripture would you invite her to read w/you?

Cami is in her late 30s and has recently jumped into the life of Seven Mile Road. She has zero Christian background but is attending on Sundays, is in a gospel community, and has asked the elders to be baptized. She is recently divorced. Her background includes serial sexual sin before marriage and since her divorce. She's confesses to you that she is having casual sex with a guy that she is loosely dating because she likes sex and doesn't want to be alone.

- How would you begin to disciple Cami?
- What questions would you ask?
- What truths-about-God/Scripture would you invite her to read w/you?

Karen is 25 years old, engaged, getting her Masters, and involved in a gospel community. During a time of conversation with the group, she expresses frustration over several things: her fiancé and his apathetic demeanor, her fear about a lack of progress on her studies, and her guilt over living a life that is 'self-centered right now.' One of the other women in the group begins to encourage her with statements like, "It's going to be ok. You're doing the best that you can. Just stay at it and good things will happen." etc.

- How would you begin to disciple Karen?
- What questions would you ask?
- What truths-about-God/Scripture would you invite her to read w/you?

Linda is a Christian mom of 3 elementary school-aged children. She has fallen into a rut where she is keeping up with the daily demands of life (not an easy task!) but not thriving in her walk with Christ or her relationship with her husband. She is feeling bad about growing older and coming to grips

with her life being what it is. She is spending very little time in Word or prayer and has basically detached (conversationally, affectionately, sexually) from her husband for several months. When you do have gospel conversations with her that touch on her current state, her responses are generally either defensive ("I don't really care. Whatever.") or defeated ("This is life. It is what it is.")

- How would you begin to disciple Linda?
- What questions would you ask?
- What truths-about-God/Scripture would you invite her to read w/you?

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