



## Summer School: Week 1 — “The Gospel”

**CONNECT:** What was your favorite subject when you were in school and why?

### GROW:

1. Many people and our culture as a whole turn to different, false gospels. What are some things we can do to prevent confusion about the one true gospel of Christ in our own lives?
2. **Read Acts 14:1-7.** Some of the Jewish Christians aimed to convince the Gentiles that their faith in Jesus alone was not enough for salvation. They claimed that true salvation also required following all of the rules without fault. Have you ever felt like there were other requirements to receive salvation?
3. **Read Galatians 1:8-9.** Connor said in his sermon, “Any time a new gospel is preached, it has a serious consequence.” New gospels are often successful in their advertisement by making us fear we won’t get into heaven or by making us think we are greater.
  - a. *Fear:* How can it be harmful to us if we only believe the gospel of Christ because we fear not entering into heaven? What would we miss out on?
  - b. *Ego:* What are the dangers of believing “You are enough” and “You are perfect just the way you are”?
4. **Read John 14:6.** Jesus simplifies the gospel and makes it very clear what to believe.
  - a. Have you ever *added* or *subtracted* anything from the gospel, making it no longer align with what Jesus said? What was that like, and how did it impact the relational aspect of the gospel of Christ?
  - b. What are some of the false gospels that you have seen in culture?

**PRAY:** Pray as a group for honesty and accountability when it comes to turning away from false gospels. Pray for the next generation to remain rooted in the truth of the gospel of Christ, and for leaders to rise up and guide them.

**NEXT:** One of the best ways to identify when something has been added or left out of the gospel is by knowing the real thing, so choose a book of the Bible to study the gospel of Christ further (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John). And if you’ve been thinking about investing in the next generation, fill out the volunteer interest form at [southland.church/volunteer](https://southland.church/volunteer).