

# MADENEW: STUDY GUIDE

## The Beginning: The Gospel

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith." (Romans 1:16)*

*And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. (Romans 8:30)*

### A. The Fathers Call

1. "...called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." (1 Peter 2:9)
2. "God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." (1 Corinthians 1:9)

### B. Elements of the Call

1. Facts (understanding these does not = salvation)
  - a) All have sinned. (Rom 3:23)
  - b) The Penalty for Sin is death. (Rom 6:23)
  - c) Jesus Christ died to pay the penalty for our sins. (Rom 5:8)
2. Personal Invitation
  - a) Matthew 11:28 "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."
3. Personal Response in Repentance and Faith
  - a) John 1:11-12 "He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God."
4. Promise of Forgiveness and Eternal Life
  - a) John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

### C. Questions

1. Can you remember the first time you heard the Gospel and responded to it? Can you describe what it felt like in your heart?
2. Do you think the Holy Spirit was working to make help you respond? Did you resist it?
3. If you were sharing the gospel today, how would you do it?
4. After tonight, are you more comfortable sharing the gospel?