

DISPATCHES FROM THE FRONT

A BOLD ADVANCE Small Group Discussion Guide

LESSON 1 | “THE GLOW OF THE GOSPEL” (DVD chapter 4)

1. Read I Timothy 1:12-17. What about Theresa’s approach to living out the Gospel is striking and attractive?
2. How does Theresa’s approach challenge the stereotypical ways in which we live as Christians? (I Thess. 2:1-12; II Cor. 4:1-10; I Peter 2:15-17)
3. How does God’s grace make it possible for hatred to be changed to love for another person? (I Tim. 1:12-17; Luke 7:36-48; Rom. 5:6-11)

LESSON 2 | “THE GATES OF HELL GIVE WAY” (DVD chapters 5-6)

1. Read Acts 2:42-47. Describe the traits of the church near Bajram Curri. What is the source of these traits? (Phil. 2:12-14,27-30; II Cor. 8:1-5; II Cor. 3:1-6)
2. How does Astrit’s ministry challenge our own view of life in Christ and living out the Gospel? (I Thess. 2:1-12; II Cor. 4:1-10; Matt. 5:1-16; Matt. 25:34-40)

LESSON 3 | “THE STING OF DEATH” (DVD chapters 7-8)

1. Read Luke 13:1-5. How do Jesus’ words apply to the terrible events described in this lesson?
2. How is God using Keith and Pam to bring the light of the Gospel to this region? (Isaiah 8:19-9:7; II Cor. 4:5-6)
3. How does Keith and Pam’s story challenge the way you view your own vocation? (Mark 10:23-31; James 1:27)

LESSON 4 | “A DESIGNED DAY” (DVD chapter 9)

1. Read Acts 17:22-31. What is the point of God being sovereign over all of our steps and days? (Acts 16:6-10)
2. How should the truth of God’s sovereignty transform the way we communicate with God and interact with others throughout each day? (I Sam. 14:1-6; I Thess. 5:16-18; James 5:16-18)

LESSON 5 | “HE HAS MADE ME GLAD” (DVD chapter 10)

1. Read Matthew 10:16-33. What counter-cultural steps have Fredi and Prenda taken for the Gospel in their home and community? What might biblically-discerning, counter-cultural living look like in your community?
2. How does daily application of the Gospel make counter-cultural living possible? (II Cor. 6:3-10; Phil. 3:3-11; Hebrews 12:1-4)
3. Stop, reconsider, and discuss the immense difficulties and overwhelming rewards of being a follower of Christ. (Mark 10:29-31; Luke 9:23-24; II Cor. 11:23-28, 12:9-10; Phil. 1:27-30)