

# CHAPTER 10: THE JESUS-CENTERED FLOWER COMMITTEE

## SUMMARY

The gospel is for the counseling ministry, the deacon nomination process, the budget planning, the custodial checklist, the equipment purchases, the hiring process, the church calendar, the facilities, the greeters...everything. Not everything is the gospel, but the gospel is for everything.

One way to know how deeply the gospel is being woven into the culture of your church is to continually check the details for gospel proof. If there is gospel absence in practice, you will know what areas of your theological foundation and ministry philosophy need to be addressed. Instead of people finding “the devil in the details,” lead in such a way that they find “grace in the details.”

## AUDIT

1. **Do your leaders spend more time doing ministry or preparing others for ministry and releasing them to serve?**
2. **Does your ministry culture perpetuate an unhealthy dependence on clergy, or does our church demonstrate a deep-seated biblical conviction that all believers are gifted for ministry?**
3. **Which areas of the church reflect the most participation of volunteers in comparison to the number of staff? Is this a good measure of leaders doing ministry vs. preparing and releasing others? Should any departments be exempt from this expectation?**
4. **What is your view of the newcomers who visit your church? In what ways are you welcoming them? Where do they encounter the gospel at your church?**

5. **What is driving the programs you are doing? Is it tradition, guilt, the gospel?**
  
6. **What is the attitude with which you view the operations of your church? Do you overemphasize the need for these areas to be excellent and precise? Are you too extravagant?**
  
7. **What does your budget reveal about your church? What does the gospel have to say about the areas you are spending your money?**
  
8. **How does your church communicate the gospel to your people? Are there certain parameters around how to use each medium of communication?**
  
9. **Are people at your church attracted by the medium or the message? By “bells and whistles” or the primacy of the gospel?**
  
10. **How has your church used technology to further the message of the gospel to your people and your community? What audiences do you feel like your church needs to do a better job communicating to?**
  
11. **Who are the poor and needy in your area? What is your church’s approach to helping the poor and needy in your area?**
  
12. **Are those you serve confronted with the truth of the gospel? Do you present the good news of salvation and eternity with Christ or simply offer short-term fixes for temporary problems?**
  
13. **What are the other committees, ministries or areas within your church that have not been evaluated? How does a gospel-centered theology, philosophy and practice shape these areas?**

## **RENEWAL**

1. What are ways that you can empower more people within your ministry to minister to each other? Where do you need to get out of the way?
2. In what areas do you need to utilize additional volunteers? What can you do to put a plan into action?
3. How can you better help newcomers encounter the gospel?
4. Evaluate all your programs and ministries. Are there any that you need to remove or add?
5. Are there changes that you need to make to finances, operations and/or communications to reflect the gospel more? If so, what?
6. What new technology can you incorporate to help further the message of the gospel?
7. Do you to make changes in your efforts to help the poor and needy in your area?

## **PRAYER**

*Father, thank you that no area of our church is too big or too small for your gospel to impact. Thank you for the areas where we have seen your grace is evident. Help us where we have let distractions or other goals veer us off course. Help us as we work to implement the changes we've identified. We know the goal is not a perfect church but that we get more of you in each of these areas. Amen.*