

A KINGDOM GOSPEL

NT Wright



As part of the Evangelical Alliance's *Confidence in the Gospel* initiative we are hosting a series of five national consultations to wrestle with significant and timely issues relating to the gospel.

To ensure that as many people as possible can engage with this programme, the talks are being filmed and made available online.

Why not watch some of the videos, and use the questions provided, to explore these vital subjects with your small group or leadership team?

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Synopsis

Krish Kandiah interviews NT Wright and asks the following questions:

- Why do we need to ask the question: 'What is the gospel?'
- What is the gospel according to the gospels?
- If you only had a couple of minutes, how would you communicate the gospel with someone?
- Do we need to talk about repentance when we present the gospel?
- Why do you emphasise the importance of talking about Jesus' life, as well as his death, when presenting the gospel?
- Is the gospel of Paul different to the gospel of Jesus?
- What would your advice be to a young evangelist?

Questions

for small groups

1) *Before you watch the video, ask: "If you only had a couple of minutes, how would you communicate the gospel with someone? Once you've watched the video, compare and contrast your ideas with what NT Wright suggested.*

2) Think about the times you've heard the gospel presented recently, how was the idea of repentance communicated (if it was)? How can we ensure that our understanding of repentance includes being part of something new as well as leaving behind something old?

3) NT Wright suggests that many people see Paul as presenting the actual gospel, with the four gospels providing the back story. What is the danger of this view? How can we ensure that our gospel includes the whole story of Jesus?

for leadership teams

1) As a Church, how can we explore the question: "What is the gospel?" to ensure that the gospel we are communicating connects with the people around us?

2) NT Wright emphasises the importance of connecting Jesus' death and resurrection to his life and kingdom agenda. Is this something we as a Church already do? What are the particularly points we need to take from this interview?

3) NT Wright encourages us to soak ourselves in the scriptures and prayer, and also to listen to our neighbours if we are to understand the gospel and what that means today. What new light have we had shed on the gospel message in the past few months? How can we go about ensuring that our understanding and experience of the gospel is always expanding?