

#1 Gospel

Consider...

Communities can and do centre themselves around all sorts of things. A neighbourhood, a hobby, a political cause, a sport, a demographic.

At Summerleas, we aim to centre our communities firmly on the gospel (or *good news*) of Jesus Christ. We believe that when people centre their lives on the gospel both they and

the communities they are a part of are transformed in amazing and radical ways!

Read...

Read the following passages. What do they tell us about how the gospel transforms people?

a) Romans 1:16; Romans 10:13-14; John 1:12-13

b) Philippians 2:1-11; Titus 2:11-12

c) Ephesians 3:6; John 13:34-35

d) Matthew 28:18-20; 2 Corinthians 5:11-20

Think...

How would a gospel centred person respond to the following thoughts / temptations.

'I want a community that is primarily focussed on social activities'

'I want a community that is more like a therapy group'

'I don't want to keep doing things with my Gospel Community, because the people are hard work and there's no one like me in it'

'I don't bother engaging when community tries to do mission stuff. I don't enjoy it and it's too much hard work, and I don't feel like I get anything out of it.'

'I hope no one else joins my community because if it got bigger it would change the dynamic and one day we might even have to split into two groups! I'd hate that.'