

Homework Questions from:
The Gospel-Centered Community (Lesson 5) &
Nine Marks of a Healthy Church (Mark Five)

From Gospel-Centered Community, Lesson 5:

- i. What stood out to you from Lesson 5? Anything particularly interesting or challenging?
- ii. The article talked about the difference between *justification* and *sanctification*. In your own words, explain the difference between the two.
- iii. The article warns that we often tend to “base our justification on our sanctification,” which leads to despair and discouragement. Do you see that tendency in your life? What effect does it have on your spiritual life?
- iv. From the exercise on pages 58-61, is there anything you’d like to share?
 - a. From step three on page 61: spend some time sharing some things you are grateful for and joyful about as a result of the truth of the realities mentioned in these steps.

From Nine Marks of a Healthy Church, Mark Five:

- i. From pages 130-136, Mark Dever gives a list of what evangelism is **not**. It is not an imposition, a personal testimony, social action or political involvement, apologetics, nor the results of evangelism. What surprised you from this list?
 - a) How does a right understanding of evangelism bring joy? (Bottom of page 136).
- ii. From page 137-139. How can churches foster the belief that every member, not just the pastors and staff, are to be about evangelism? Moreover, how can churches cultivate a heart for and practice of evangelism? What will you do to help?

- iii. In your opinion, which of the eight biblical guidelines mentioned on pages 143-148 is least emphasized today? Which one do you think comes more natural for you?

- iv. On the bottom of page 148, Dever says: “Christians should tell everyone the good news. And we should all evangelize. We should do so with honesty, urgency, and joy, living a life that backs up our message – and doing it all for the glory of God.”
 - a) Do these terms (honesty, urgency, joy, living a life that backs up our message, for the glory of God) characterize your evangelism?

- v. In your own words, why should you be involved in evangelism?