



SIX WORDS

Week 6

The Very Good Gospel by Lisa Sharon Harper
 Chapters 6 and 7

CURRENT SERIES:

Six Words

Oct 16 - Nov 20

*Reading Scripture
 Through The
 Language Of Jesus*

Jesus was not a Christian. He was Jewish. In this series we're going to look at the meanings of six words in the language that Jesus spoke, giving us a fuller picture of his message and his hope for the world. Our prayer is that by unearthing the meaning of these words, our church community is called to the action of living a more abundant life.

OPENING:

Consider and share a time that a boundary, limit, or rule in your life that has helped you to grow, mature, or enjoy something more.

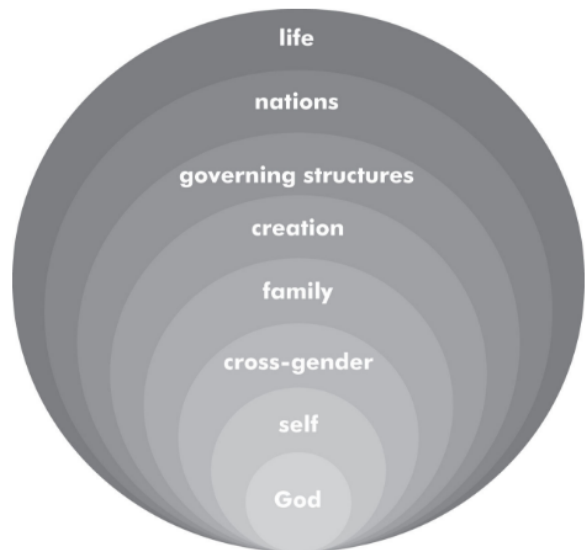
DISCUSSION:

Ask someone in your group to read Hebrews 12:1-12 aloud.

Have a few group members read this quote from chapter 12 (pg. 201) aloud:

I used to read the word sin and think of all my shortcomings. I would read this verse and focus on my imperfections. And I would get frustrated because I can't do things right. I will always fall short of perfection. I may as well go tank up on chocolate-glazed doughnuts now. Why even bother? But that's not what it means. In Hebrew culture, sin had more to do with the break between relationships than with individual imperfection.

- How do you think of the word "sin"? Has your understanding of sin and death shifted?
- In what areas of your life do you experience separation? Go back to the concentric circles from chapter 2 (pg 34). Reflect on them. How has God worked to bring healing in your relationships? In what areas do you still need healing? How can your small group support you in finding shalom in your relationships?



UPCOMING EVENTS:

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Read this quote aloud from page 191:

Charity offers a hand out or a hand up to individuals caught in poverty's web. Justice examines the web and tears it down.

Then ask someone to read Galatians 3:23-29 aloud.

- Consider the quote from Harper in relation to the passage from Galatians.
- Allow the group to share their thoughts on chapter 11 (or the quote listed above). Have your feelings about justice and generosity changed after reading this book?

CLOSING PRAYER:

Lord, may your trumpet sound in the songs we sing, in the prayer we pray, in the lives we live, and in the bread we break. Live in us, Lord, and love others through us throughout this Thanksgiving season.