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What would show that we are not “remembering” the gospel as we live daily lives?

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- It will take work to keep the gospel the main thing
- Many inhibitors to gospel identity and proclamation in our lives (hopes, whatever in front of our minds) or in in their lives
- Those outside of Christ will not value centrality of Christ – must know God’s grace to deal with all stirred up by different centers (forgive)
- Know concepts, but must learn how it fits together to live gospel in every situation

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How would this change our focus when working on relationships with others and especially growth among believers together?

- Keeps us from just being you & I (in relationship in conflict) lead to higher view of what is at stake/what important
- Intentional/alert
- Thinking deeper about what we believe about God and not just go with our "gut" – assumptions must be unpacked
- Relationship tension brings out the furtherance of the gospel