CONNECT STUDY –Why Do I Preach the Gospel?

Read Gal 1:13-16

Before his conversion, Paul was a zealous Jew who violently persecuted the church. Then something happened that changed the trajectory of his life.

* “It pleased God…” (v.15). We are here because “it pleased God…”. We love him because He first loved us.
* “who separated me from my mother’s womb…” (v. 15). Paul lived with a great sense of destiny. Unless you find out why you are put on earth, you will never be fulfilled.
* “he called me by His grace…”. Paul asserted elsewhere in his letter, “By the grace of God, I am what I am”. God uses us not because of us, but sometimes in spite of us.
* “…to reveal his son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles…”. God’s foremost purpose in our lives, is to reveal Jesus Christ in us. Revelation precedes ministry. You can only preach with conviction what is a revelation to you.

Why do we preach the gospel?

* Jesus Christ is the only way to God. Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me” (Jn 14:6). There are many religions that teach good things but only one way to Jesus.
* Jesus Christ commanded us to preach the gospel. It is a commandment, not a suggestion.
* The unfulfilled prophecy of the second coming of Christ
* What Christ has done for us.
* What Christ has done for others
* The sacrifice that others had made

Discussion questions:

* Did you attend the Cultivate Conference? What were some of the takeaway points from the conference?
* What do you think is God’s calling on your life?
* What is your greatest motivation in preaching the gospel? Why?