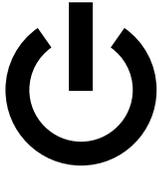


Speaker: Andrew Wood

Title: Gospel Fluency

Key Verses: Rom. 10:9–15; 1 Cor. 15:3–11; Col. 1:24–29; John 10:10

Summary: God gives unbelievers access to the Gospel through us.



Power Up: Take a moment to prepare

Language fluency requires focus, practice, and repetition. It is hard work. Describe your efforts learning a new language.



Replay: Take some time to watch

Note the flow of Andrew's talk: **1)** defining belief; **2)** understanding the Gospel and its impact today; **3)** four steps toward Gospel fluency.



Comment: Take some time to talk

How do you define belief? How do behaviors reveal our true beliefs?

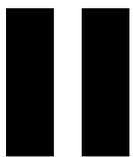
Read John 10:10 and 1 Corinthians 15:3–11. How do these verses describe the essence of the gospel? How do we often confuse the future rewards of the Gospel from present reality of the gospel?

What is sanctification? How does it shape our identity?

How does the Gospel speak to our fears? Our broken relationships? How do unbelievers deal with fears and broken relationships?

What are the four steps to Gospel fluency? Which of these steps comes most naturally to you? Which is most challenging to you?

"People don't know what you know," Andrew says, warning against "Christian-ese." *What is this? Do you use it? Why is it a problem?*



Pause: Take a moment to pray

Thank God for the transforming power of the Gospel. Thank Him for giving you hope today. Ask Him for opportunities to listen to others' hurts. Ask Him for courage to share hope with them so they have access to God.



Take Action: Take a step forward

Listen up. Tune your ear. Spend a week identifying fears, hurts, and hopes from people around you. Pay attention to what people say in class, on commercials, or in social media posts. Also take note of how believers talk about the Gospel. Evaluate how well our language connects with others.

Bonus Features | Additional Notes and Quotes from Andrew Wood

Power Track Summary: How do we share the Gospel to neighbors in a way that is natural and makes sense in normal relational settings. How do we share it with someone who has no Gospel background? Communicating the Gospel is like learning a new language; it takes practice and getting used to. This Power Track clarifies what the Gospel is and how we talk about it in everyday conversations.

About the Speaker: Andrew Wood is a husband, church planter, youth pastor, and Canadian.

“Belief is the requirement for the Good News to impact you. Good News isn’t good if you just know it. [It must be believed.]”

Belief: to think, feel, and live as though something is true.

“Behavior is part of belief. No one does anything that they don’t believe in some ultimate sense or deep sense... All of our behavior can be traced back to something [we believe].”

“Sanctification is the process of becoming like who God has always intended you to be.”

“Gospel fluency is learning to call out the unbelief and to call toward belief.”

“The Gospel says Jesus Christ is your Lord. Your identity is fully found in Him. The Gospel says God will use you wherever you are if you follow His ways.”

“You’ve experienced the same hurts and heartbreaks as your non-believing friends... But you have full access to the Gospel because God’s given it to us... They’re one step removed from the Gospel... You are the step.”

“The Gospel is not a set of dogmatic statements. The Gospel is the reality that Jesus is Lord and the kingdom of God is at hand. The Good News gives eternal life but actually gives you life and life to the full right now. It offers hope in all of life’s circumstances.”

Four Steps of Gospel Fluency

1. Know the Gospel and its implications for you (hope and full life now unto eternity).
2. Listen well to people to hear the hurts & hopes (e.g., Francis Schaeffer).
3. Identify the unbelief (since they won’t come out and say it).
4. Respond with hope (in a language they can understand).

“People don’t know what you know.”

A Few Fluency Questions

- *How does this experience look through the lens of the Gospel?*
- *What about Jesus’s work might be Good News for this person today?*
- *How can I communicate answers to these questions in language they can understand and is accessible to them?*
- *If I lived as though Jesus is Lord, this is the hope I would have: _____*