Study Guide to Greg Gilbert's What is the Gospel? Chapter 5

Read: Chapter 5

In the course of this study you were asked to commit this simple gospel presentation structure to memory: God, man, Christ, and response. This chapter deals with the fourth part of that structure: response.

Q: What exactly do we mean when we tell someone to "believe" in Jesus? Let me put it this way: Let's say that you told someone the gospel and then told them that they needed to "believe in Jesus." In turn they asked you to explain what that meant. How would you respond to them? Use Scripture.

Q: On pages 78-79 Gilbert talks about the concept of Faith Alone. What theological point is he making in this section? Why is it important for us while sharing the gospel to explain that salvation is by faith and *faith alone*?

O: What exactly do we mean when we tell someone to repent of their sins? Let me put it this way: Let's say you told someone the gospel and then told them they needed to "repent." In turn they asked you to explain what that meant. How would you respond to them? Use Scripture.

Q: How can we know if a person has actually exercised saving faith and repentance? What is the evidence that a true conversion has taken place? Is there a way, in most cases, to distinguish true from false conversions?

Project: At the beginning of this study you were asked to imagine a person that had never heard the gospel before. You wrote down what you would tell them. You put together a summary of what they would need to know in order to be saved. This was revised in the last three lessons. Look back at your latest revision, especially what you wrote about how to respond to the gospel. What adjustments, clarification, or additions would you make to the section about response? Rewrite your gospel presentation again.