

## **RISING TIDE: Episode Four – Gospel Transformation**

As God draws people to Himself, it is the beginning of a new life. As Christians mature in their faith, they discover their true identity – beloved children of God (1 John 3:1).

1. In a performance-based culture, why is the message of God’s unconditional love so liberating?

2. Which of the personal stories do you relate to the most? Why?

3. Among the Japanese, what misunderstandings do they face in living the Christian life, or as one Japanese shared, “trying to be a good Christian”? What cultural misunderstandings do you face?

4. How has in-depth gospel understanding and application transformed marriages and family life in Japan?

5. Vision, strategy, theological depth, relational bridges are all a necessary part of effective church planting. Yet, none of them have the power to sustain a movement. What does and why? (cf. Rom. 1:16, Col. 1:6)

