

Evangelism: What is the Good News?

Goals: to define what “The Gospel” means **and** learn how to communicate it more fully when sharing it with others.

Openers:

- Share about a time you received some good news (can be recently or a long time ago).
- From what you know about Jesus, what is something about Him - his character, his life, his teachings - that seems like really good news for you personally.

Scripture Activity:

The goal of this activity is to get a broader definition of the gospel and to give us easily accessible stories to tell others as we seek to help them understand what the gospel is.

Step 1: Split your Core up into 4 smaller groups. Depending on the size of your Core, it could be pairs or 3's or some other number.

Step 2: Give each group one of the following stories from the Gospels:

Luke 7:18-23 Messengers from John the Baptist

Luke 15:11-32 The Prodigal Son

John 8:2-11 The Woman Caught in Adultery

Mark 10:17-31 The Rich Young Ruler

*If you Core is super small, you can split the group in half and give each group 2 of the stories.

Step 3: Have each group read their story out loud to each other and answer this question together: **After reading this story, how would you define the gospel?**

*Give the groups 10-15 minutes to read their story and discuss

Step 4: Gather everyone back and have each group read their story out loud & report out to the whole group what they found out about the gospel. Write each group's response on a big piece of paper or a white board.

Digging Deeper Together (Group Discussion Questions):

- Looking at our definition of the Gospel so far, are there any aspects of the Good News that we missed? (*Think of other stories from the gospels or Jesus' teachings that help fill out the picture*)

*Add these to your list on paper or whiteboard

- From these scriptures, we see that Jesus has a message to proclaim and restoration work to do in peoples' lives. How is this similar or different from what you have understood the gospel to be?
- What aspects of sharing this message seem exciting? Seem challenging? Seem likely to resonate with others?

Closing: PICK ONE

- Who is someone you know that you can share the good news with? Who is someone you are currently sharing the good news with?

Pray for them together - pray for them by name, that the Lord would use us to communicate His good news to them, and give us boldness to share His story with them.

- Read Revelation 21:1-5 out loud together.

These verses give us a picture of what life will be like when all things are finally & fully restored.

Invite 2-3 people close in prayer in response to Revelation 21:1-5