



What is good news? How do we know when something is good news? Can old news still be good news? In our new series, Reclaiming Good News, we will search the pages of Scripture together to gain insight and understanding about the meaning of a phrase we use a lot! Let's explore good news in a fresh way!

Questions for Reflection:

- Why does Good News travel?
- Reread Isaiah 61:1-2. What good news is the prophet bringing to the poor, broken-hearted, and grief-stricken?
- How do these verses relate to your experience of hearing the good news?
- Reread Matthew 28:16-20. What is the central command Jesus gives his disciples? How are they to carry this out?
- As you think about Jesus' Great Commission in verses 18-20, what holds you back from actively passing on the Good News of Christ?
- In what ways can you fulfill the Great Commission in the context of your family? Work? Community?
- How will you share the Good News this week? How might God use you to help the Good News travel?

Spiritual Practice: News to Share

Practice the spiritual discipline of witness by *inviting at least five people to church (in person or online worship) over the next year. Practice your 'elevator speech' to be ready to share your faith with someone else.*

Writing your Elevator Speech Faith Story

An elevator speech is simply a talk that you could share in the length of time you might be in an elevator. Because sharing our faith with others can seem like a challenge for many of us, it is helpful to prepare by writing your thoughts.

Write down your responses to the following questions to help you prepare for writing your elevator speech, or brief summary, of the Christian faith.

- Begin with prayer.
- How would you summarize the Christian faith in seven words or less?
- How did you first learn about God? Why did that make a difference in your life?
- What do you believe about God and Jesus Christ? What are three or four beliefs that are most important to you?
- How does faith in Christ make a difference in your life?
- Why are you a Christian?
- Who is Jesus to you?
- How does being connected to a church community make a difference in your life?

Use your responses to help you organize your faith story. Practice telling your faith story by sharing with a close friend or family member, pastor, or church staff or leader. Look for opportunities during your week to share your faith story with someone who may be blessed by your encouraging words.

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