

TALK IT OVER

Bring Good News

Live Sent - Week 2
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Open your group in prayer and remember that this is only a guide. Feel free to discuss each of the questions provided or simply dive deeper into just one. Before you close with prayer, take a few minutes to look over the Three Essential Questions at the end of the document.

Scriptures

Matthew 24:14, Mark 16:15, Colossians 1:13–14, Acts 3:1–10, Colossians 4:3, 2 Corinthians 5:14-15

Questions

1. Share a time you received good news. What made it great?
2. Colossians 1:13-14 (NIV) tells us the good news of the gospel, "*For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*" Matthew 24:14 (NLT) says, "*And the Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it; and then the end will come.*" Mark 16:15 (ESV) says, "*And he said to them, 'Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.'*" How would you describe to someone the "good news" of God's kingdom and what it means to you? What keeps you from sharing it with people in your normal routine?
3. Acts 3:1–4 (NIV) says, "*One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, 'Look at us!'*" What stands out about Peter and John's interaction since they had been to the temple many times? Why do you think they stopped that

particular day? Who is sitting at your gate (i.e., where you live, work, or play) that needs to hear the good news?

4. Acts 3:5-6 (NIV) says, "*So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them. Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk."* Our words can speak life or death into people and their circumstances. Who do you need to speak life into this week? Why is preparing your heart through prayer essential in order to do this? Share a time when someone's words were life-giving to you.
5. Acts 3:7-8 (NIV) says, "*Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God."* Talk about a time when someone stretched out a helping hand and rescued you? How can you do the same for someone else?
6. Acts 3:9-10 (NIV) says, "*When all the people saw him walking and praising God, they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him."* The man's good news had a ripple effect on others in the temple. Talk about a time you shared the good news with those around you. What happened?
7. 2 Corinthians 5:14-15 (NIV) says, "*For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again."* Where can you seek out opportunities to share the good news by speaking life-giving words or stretching out a helping hand to someone this week?

Three Essential Questions

The following questions are intended to be open-ended and encourage members to consider how they and what they, or the group, can do as a result of hearing the message.

1. **What did you hear?** ***What point in this message was most impactful for you?***
2. **What do you think?** ***How did this message challenge, change, or affirm your thinking?***
3. **What will you do***? **How will you or your group put into practice what you've learned today?***

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