

It's Good News

tell others

Start Here

One of the greatest joys of life is sharing good news with others. For example, a couple telling their friends and family they are expecting their first child. Or a doctor who tells a patient that their test results are clear.

- Do you remember a time when you shared good news with others?
- Who did you tell first? How did you tell them?
- How did it feel to share the news?

Discuss

We have the best news to share with others

Think of what we have journeyed through together: Isn't it all wonderful news?

1. We can know and spend time with God.
2. We are his children – that's our identity.
3. We have a heavenly Father who is all powerful but who also wants to relate to us.
4. Jesus came to rescue us.
5. The death and resurrection of Jesus is the most important story in history.
6. We can follow Jesus.
7. God sends his Spirit to fill us.

If people you know come to believe and experience all this, how would it impact them?

What other good news about God can you think of that would bring great joy and hope to others if they receive and believe?

Main Idea

We can all share good news – you don't need special qualifications.

Every follower of Jesus can share good news. There are no classes to take, or exams to pass before you can start. You don't have to be a church leader, pastor, or theologian.

What if people reject us?

Jesus gently invites people to follow him; he does not use force. We follow his example and invite others to follow. Often others won't accept what we say at first. They may even be hostile. Many who are believers today rejected Jesus at first.

All we can do is plant the seeds of good news in people. We then pray that God will cause those seeds to grow and bring the fruit of joy and salvation to them. It's not our job to save them – only Jesus can do that. Our job is to let them know the good news.

Explore the Word

Read these verses describing what the disciples did after first meeting Jesus.

- John 1:41-42
- John 1:45-46
- John 4:39-42

They didn't even know Jesus much at all, but they started introducing others to him. We can do the same.

Practice Together Now

Who can you share the good news about Jesus with?

We all know people who need to hear the good news of Jesus. We can start by sharing him with them. Here is how you can start if you have not already:

- Each of you create a list of ten people you know – they could be family, friends, or anyone else in your life that comes to mind.
- Share the list with each other and then take five minutes to pray together for each person by name.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to give you courage and opportunities to share Jesus with them.

Spend a few minutes preparing what you will say.

One of the best ways of sharing the Good News of Jesus is to tell others our story and what Jesus has done for us. You can keep it really short with three simple points:

1. Talk about what your life was like before you met Jesus.
2. Explain how you came to know Jesus.
3. Share how your life has changed. (You can include some of the things we've learned so far.)

Take ten minutes to prepare what you will say using these three simple points. Try to make what you say no longer than three minutes to begin with – no longer than one minute for each point.

Now, tell it to each other.

Review your Practice Daily

Share the good news with at least one other person in the next 24 hours:

- Pray that God will open the opportunity.
- Go for it. Here are some ideas:
 - Visit them or speak to them over the phone/internet and share your testimony.
 - Give them a New Testament. Tell them, "I've met Jesus Christ through this book, and you can meet him too."
 - Send them a link to one of your favourite videos, songs, or verses, and tell them, "I would like to talk to you about this – Jesus has changed my life."
- Share your experience with each other.
- If someone is ready to receive Jesus as saviour and make him Lord, one way is for them to use the prayer below. Then help them start their journey of discipleship through Safar.

Prayer

“ Dear Lord, I confess that I am a sinner. I acknowledge that in my own strength or by my own good deeds I cannot be saved or restored to you. I believe that you died for me on the cross and were buried, and after three days you rose from the dead. I believe that you are alive and have the authority to forgive my sins so that I can be considered righteous before God. I repent and turn away from all my sins, and completely surrender my heart and my life to you. I pledge to follow you for the rest of my life, and live according to your will. I ask you to accept me and give me a new life, as you have promised. Thank you for hearing my prayer. Amen. ”