



current message series

How easily do we reduce Jesus' new life to 'spirituality'? We think of God's Kingdom as one area of our lives - what we do on Sundays, or with a small group, or when we're engaging in religious activities. But Jesus tells us stories that invite us to imagine a Kingdom so big it encompasses our whole lives. A new life that can't be measured, can't be quantified because it's too big, too excellent. This Kingdom is worth everything we have and more. It demands everything from us and when we give it all, we wish we could give more. This new life Jesus offers is priceless!

today

When we hear the term "Evangelism" we think of guys standing on corners with signs, yelling through bullhorns. But that's not how Jesus taught us to share the Good News about him and the new life he brings us. In Matthew 10, we see his followers sent out as guests, about visiting and staying a while, living life with those far from God and showing them what Jesus' new life looks like. We're not evangelizing until both our words and our lives announce who Jesus is!

scriptures for further reading

Matthew 10:1-42; Romans 1:14-17; 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1; 1 Peter 2:11-25

discussion questions

1. What do you think of when you hear the term "Evangelism"? Is it a positive or negative word for you (or both)?
2. Why does "evangelism" have such a negative connotation in our culture? What caused that?
3. "Evangelize" literally means "to announce good news". According to Matthew 10, what should our announcement about Jesus look like?
4. What keeps you from "announcing" Jesus' good news?
5. What is good about Jesus' new life? Be specific in your own life.
6. How can your life be an invitation to follow Jesus this week?

