



Discussion Guide for “The Good News”

Good News (For a Change) Week 1

Evangelism often relies on guilt, shame or fear to motivate people. But those aren't good news, and they're not where God's posture towards us begins. Jesus' baptism is an invitation for all of us to remember the heart of the good news: that we are God's beloved children, and God delights in us.

Scriptures for Further Reading

[Isaiah 43:1-7](#)

[Psalm 29](#)

[Luke 3:15-17, 21-22](#)

[Acts 8:14-17](#)

Passage for Sacred Reading:

Sacred Reading is a way of reading Scripture with an eye toward transformation, not just information. You can find a [step-by-step guide here](#). The passage for this week's sacred reading is [Psalm 29](#).

Questions for Discussion

1. Do you feel a difference between the words 'gospel' and 'good news'?
2. If an acquaintance asked you to share the Gospel with them, or asked you to share the good news about Jesus with them, how different would your answers be?
3. How did you come to know Jesus? What was confusing? What was exciting?
4. Revisit Jesus' baptism scene in Luke 3. Why is Jesus getting baptized good news for us?
5. What does it mean for you to be God's beloved child?
6. How does it feel to know God is overjoyed when God considers you?