



Discussion Guide for “The Good News”

Good News (For a Change) Week 1

Evangelism so often comes across as bad news. But God loves all of us, and is already at work in each of our lives. The story of the magi visiting Jesus demonstrates God's persistent love for us - and that is good news worth sharing!

Scriptures for Further Reading

[Isaiah 60:1-6](#)

[Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14](#)

[Matthew 2:1-12](#)

[John 3:16](#)

[1 Corinthians 15:3-9](#)

[Ephesians 3:1-12](#)

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 [Isaiah 60:1-6](#).

Questions for Discussion

1. What comes to mind when you hear the word “Evangelism”?
2. Reread John 3:16. Why do you think this has become such a popular summary of the good news?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 15:3-9. Think back to before you knew Jesus. If someone presented the Gospel like this, with no context, how much would you understand?
4. What surprised you most about the story of the magi in Matthew 2?
5. Why did Matthew include the magi's visit in his account of the good news?
6. What is good news about Jesus for you?