

# Gospel Identity

## Session 2 – The Good News...

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Read Genesis **3:1-12** and then discuss the following questions:

1. Why do you think Adam and Eve ate the fruit? What do you think they were thinking at the time?
2. Take some time now to think of a moment in your life when you were deliberately disobedient. Why did you do what you did? How did it affect you and those around you?

Over and over again, the theme of rejecting God and his gifts is reflected all throughout the Old Testament. The people Israel constantly turn their backs on God and His blessing, just as Adam and Eve did in the very beginning. Now enter Jesus and His good news.

Read the following versus and then discuss the questions:

- Isaiah **9:6-7**
- Acts **2:36-38**
- Luke **2:8-11**
- Acts **5:42**
- Luke **4:16-21**
- 1 Corinthians **15:1-4, 14-22**

3. What is the Good news according to these passages?
4. What should be changing because of this good news? In us? In the world?

The greatest temptation that assails Christians is that in affect, for most of us, the Gospel has ceased to be news. And if it is not news, it is not Gospel: For the Gospel is the proclamation of something absolutely new...

Any word that comes from God is News!

-Thomas Merton

The New Testament is the culmination of God's story so far and call to the church to live its existence out of the "good news" story. As a community and as individuals, God calls us to continually connect to this great story and to live out of our new identity in Christ. But how do we do this? Where do we begin? The answer to how and where may look different for everybody, but one thing is clear it starts with accepting Jesus and His story.

5. **Think again about your answers to question 3 and 4: how can you share your experience of the good news of Jesus in a way that your world can see and hear it? Share your ideas with each other.**

Now with your accountability partner,  
who is \_\_\_\_\_ and who's number is \_\_\_\_\_, who I'm going to call on this day \_\_\_\_\_,  
Pick from one of the three options and bless someone with the good news this week.

- **Who needs to hear the good news this week? Share the good news this week, but don't just share it, share how it changed you, and how it can benefit your listener as well.**
- **Who needs to see the good news this week? Serve them as Jesus would serve them. Don't even bring Jesus up unless they ask about him or why you do what you do. Be ready to share if they do.**
- **How have you let the good news become yesterday's news? Talk to God about it, and ask Him to reconnect you to His great story and provide opportunities for you to experience and express it!**

Close with your group in Prayer! Ask God to provide you and your group the opportunity to share the Good news with somebody in some way this week!