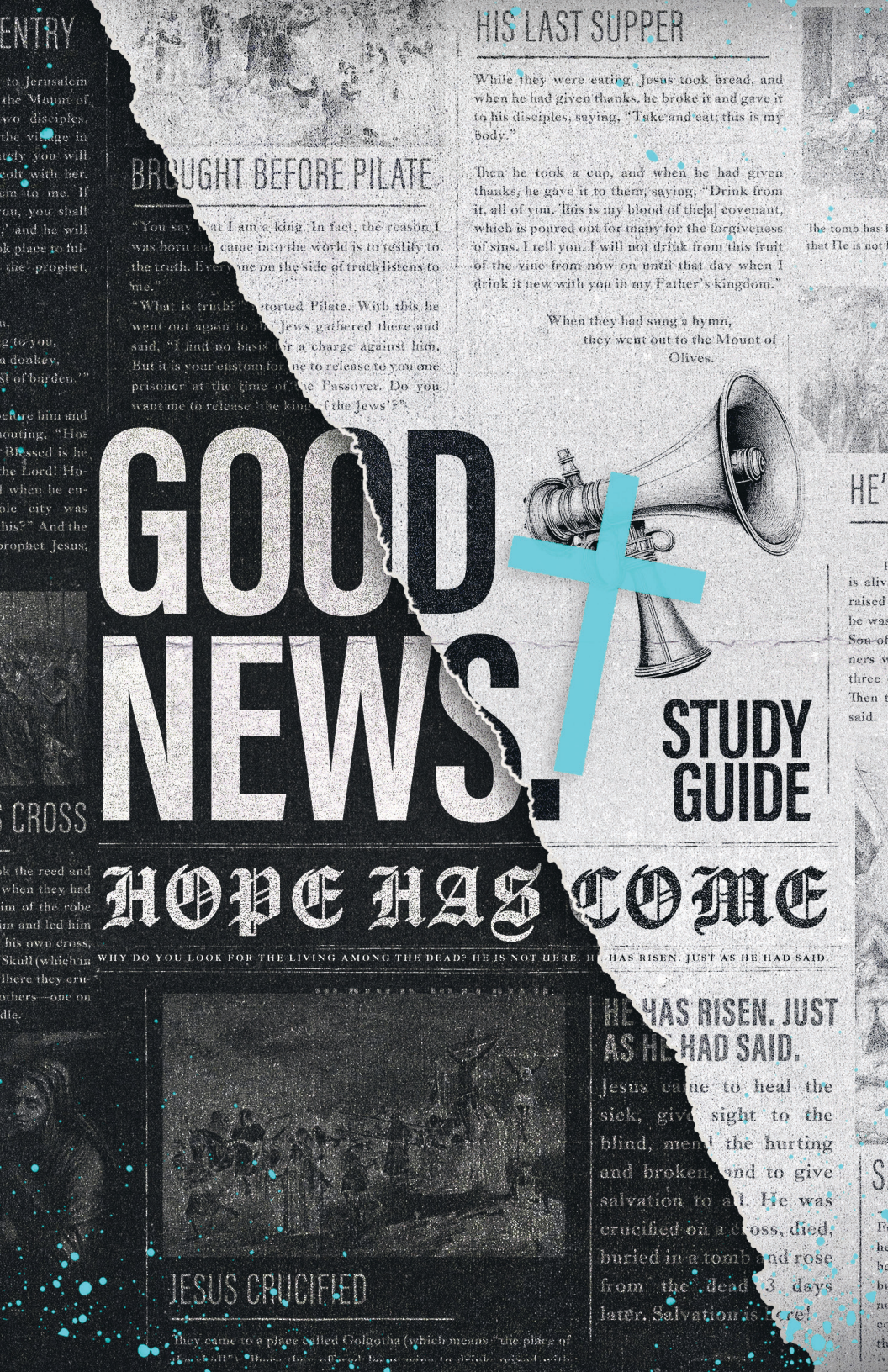
HIS LAST SUPPER
While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body."
Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the[a] covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."
When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.
BROUGHT BEFORE PILATE
"You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."
"What is truth?" retorted Pilate. With this he went out again to the Jews gathered there and said, "I find no basis for a charge against him. But it is your custom for me to release to you one prisoner at the time of the Passover. Do you want me to release 'the king of the Jews'?".
GOOD NEWS.
STUDY GUIDE
HOPE HAS COME
WHY DO YOU LOOK FOR THE LIVING AMONG THE DEAD? HE IS NOT HERE. HE HAS RISEN. JUST AS HE HAD SAID.
JESUS CRUCIFIED
They came to a place called Golgotha (which means "the place of the skull"). There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with
HE HAS RISEN. JUST AS HE HAD SAID.
Jesus came to heal the sick, give sight to the blind, mend the hurting and broken, and to give salvation to all. He was crucified on a cross, died, buried in a tomb and rose from the dead 3 days later. Salvation is here!

Good News

In a world filled with bad news, the gospel reminds us that God's story is still one of hope, restoration, and grace. Throughout this five-week series, we will explore how Jesus brings good news to the poor, welcomes those who doubt, seeks those who are lost, and sends His followers to share the gospel with the world. From Isaiah's promise of restoration to Revelation's vision of every nation, tribe, people, and language worshiping together, we will see that the good news of Jesus is truly for everyone.

Use this study guide as a companion throughout the series. Each week, read the featured Scripture and reflect on the questions individually, with your family, or in a small group. Allow these conversations to deepen your understanding of the gospel, strengthen your faith, and help you consider how God is calling you to live and share the Good News.

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August 2
Isaiah 61:1-4
Good News for the Poor

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John 20:24–29
Good News for the Doubter

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Luke 15:8–10
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Good News for the World

Lesson Number 1:
Isaiah 61:1-4

Good News for the Poor

1. Who are the "poor," "brokenhearted," "captives," and "prisoners" in Isaiah's prophecy?
How might these descriptions include both physical and spiritual realities?

2. What does this passage teach us about God's heart for people who are suffering, oppressed, or marginalized?
How does it challenge common assumptions about who receives God's favor?

3. Isaiah describes God's work as replacing mourning with joy and despair with praise.
What kinds of transformation have you seen God bring in people's lives?

4. Verse 4 speaks of rebuilding ruins and restoring what has been broken.
How does God's restoration extend beyond individuals to families, communities, and society?

5. Jesus applies this passage to himself in Luke 4.
How does seeing Jesus as the fulfillment of Isaiah 61 shape our understanding of the gospel today?

Lesson Number 2:
John 20:24-29

Good News for the Doubter

1. Why do you think Thomas struggled to believe the testimony of the other disciples?
What does his response reveal about the nature of doubt?

2. How does Jesus respond to Thomas's doubts?
What does this teach us about God's posture toward those who sincerely wrestle with faith?

3. What is the difference between honest doubt that seeks truth and unbelief that refuses to trust?
How can we recognize the difference in ourselves?

4. Jesus says, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."
What does faith look like for believers who cannot physically see Jesus today?

5. How can the church become a safe place for people to ask difficult questions without fear of judgment?
What practices help cultivate that kind of community?

Lesson Number 3:
Luke 15:8-10

Good News for the Lost

1. In Jesus' parable, the coin doesn't know it is lost and cannot find its way home.
What does this teach us about our spiritual condition apart from God's grace?

2. The woman carefully searches until she finds the lost coin.
What does her persistence reveal about God's heart for those who are far from him?

3. Why do you think Jesus compares God's pursuit of people to searching for something valuable?
What does this say about the worth and dignity God gives every person?

4. After finding the coin, the woman calls her friends to celebrate. Jesus says there is "joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."
Why is repentance a cause for celebration rather than shame?

5. If God is actively seeking the lost, how should that shape the mission of the church?
What are practical ways we can join God in seeking, welcoming, and celebrating those who come to faith?

Lesson Number 4:
Acts 1:6-8

Good News for the World

1. The disciples expected Jesus to restore Israel's kingdom immediately.
How does Jesus redirect their focus from their expectations to God's mission?

2. What does it mean to receive power from the Holy Spirit?
How is this different from relying on our own abilities or influence?

3. Jesus calls his followers to be his witnesses "in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."
What might those "circles of mission" look like in our lives today?

4. Why is the gospel meant for every nation, culture, and people group?
How does this challenge our tendency to think locally or selectively?

5. What role does every believer have in God's global mission?
How can we faithfully participate whether we go, send, pray, or serve?

Lesson Number 5: Revelation 7:9-12

Good News for the World

1. John sees a great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language worshiping together.
What does this vision reveal about God's plan for humanity?

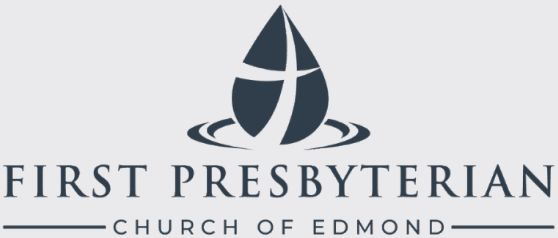
2. How does this picture of heaven challenge divisions based on ethnicity, nationality, culture, or social status?
What implications does it have for the church today?

3. The multitude worships the Lamb rather than celebrating themselves.
What does this teach us about the center of Christian unity?

4. How does this future vision encourage us in the church's mission today?
In what ways are we invited to live now in light of God's promised future?

5. If Revelation 7 is God's vision for eternity, how should it shape the way we welcome, serve, and share the gospel with people from every background today?

Additional Notes



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