

Our Church's Mission: to make passionate maturing follower of Jesus from here to the nations.

Thus, we're on a journey to **become more like Jesus**, living into our identity as disciples.

What is a disciple?

- A disciple is someone who
- Follows Jesus
 - Is being changed by Jesus
 - Is on Mission with Jesus

In this Ministry Year, we're focused on the third bullet point – being on mission with Jesus.

We want to become Good News People who **show** and **share** the good news of Jesus (where we live work, play and learn) so that others might live.

But what does a Good News Person look like?

In the month of January, we want to give a Portrait of an **Intentional** Good News Person – helping us to see what it looks like practically to purposefully be the Good News People we inherently ARE in the places where we live, work, play and learn.

In other words, this isn't about greater **intensity**, it's about **intentionality**.



Jesus has already placed you where you are *on purpose* and we simply need to learn to see the opportunities and his leading. His mission starts in your **everyday** relationships.



Sharing the Good News isn't just for the **experts** or the **extroverts** – it's **ordinary** people sharing the **extraordinary** hope of Jesus. In fact, if you don't feel "gifted" at evangelism, then congratulations – you're exactly the kind of person Jesus loves to use!

This is the calling of every person because, as disciples, *making disciples* by the power of the Holy Spirit was always the mission!

Here's a recap of The Story of the Good News. We need to saturate in this story if we're going to see it as the life-changing news that it is!

(If you want the full story, check out our series called Good News from Fall 2025!)



SYMPTOM

God created a good world. He fashioned us to know Him and live with Him in relationship— that's our original design. But we all can feel that, in our world, something's not right. So what's should we do? Rather than seeing this brokenness as evidence that God is absent or that his plan has failed, we should see this universal experience of brokenness as a place of profound common ground between Christians and everyone else.

SICKNESS

So what's the source of this universal brokenness? Well, instead of trusting God, we turned away. We live in active rebellion (called sin) against our design and our designer, and this inevitably hurts us, those around us, and the one who made us. The consequences are real: spiritual death, separation from God, and the painful brokenness we see all around. Sadly, we can't fix it, clean ourselves up, or earn our way back. We don't need a moral upgrade — we need rescue.

SOLUTION

BUT... Jesus stepped into our story, took our sin on Himself, and died the death we deserved. He rose again to offer us the forgiveness, rescue and new life we needed — not something we earn, but a free gift that God gives to anyone who desires it through faith in Jesus.

PROOF

But that seems too good to be true, doesn't it? Yet, the proof that this solution is real is the empty tomb — Jesus predicting (and then pulling off) His own resurrection from the dead validates everything else He said and did, showing He has real authority over sin and death. It proves He is who He says He is! He is the Son of God.

RESPONSE

So what do we do? God invites us to respond to Jesus with trust — turning from our old life and turning toward Him. When we believe in Him and receive what He's done, we're forgiven, made new, and brought back into the relationship we were created for: back into alignment with God's good design.