

MESSAGE REVIEW

We could all use some good news right now and the book of Philippians is full of good news. The term Good News is mentioned 10 times in this short, 4-chapter book. As Paul penned this letter from prison to his beloved church in Philippi, he gives us an example to follow. The book of Philippians teaches us how the Good News has the power to shape our everyday life and live it out with peace, joy and contentment.

WARM UP QUESTION

What is the last piece of really good news that you received?

- **Read Philippians 1:1-18.** Paul wrote this letter to the Philippian church about 10 years after he started it. Count the number of times Paul mentions Good News/Gospel in these verses alone. How has the Philippian church partnered with Paul in spreading the Good News?
- **Read Isaiah 40:9-10 and 61:1-2.** Hundreds of years before Paul, God used the prophet Isaiah to deliver His messages to His people. What do you learn about this Good News Paul later speaks of according to these verses? Who are the poor, the brokenhearted, the prisoners and the mourners? What damage has sin caused?
- **Read Luke 4:16-21.** What bold statement does Jesus make in verse 21? Without Jesus, how are we impoverished, brokenhearted, imprisoned, blind and oppressed? How did Jesus heal the damage brought on by sin?
- **Read Romans 10:9-17.** What response is required to all who hear the Good News (verses 9-13)? Describe the time in your life when this moment happened for you. What is the promise of vs. 9, 11 and 13 that we can hold onto?
- Where are you getting your news on a daily basis? How do you need to increase your input of good news (God's Word) and decrease the inputs of bad? How can you partner with other believers in spreading the Good News?

RESPOND

What is God saying to you through His Word? How and when will you respond?

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