

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



Overview

Sermon: *Believe It*. Bottom line: *Good News saves you.*

Submersing ourselves in bad news without Christian hope disorients us and erodes our ability to think straight. Our hearts become drawn to it as we become more exhausted and we experience a piling-on effect, where it's "just one thing after another." It can be physically draining and despair can set in. Bad news can leave us burdened and heavy. That's the bad news about bad news. But bad news does not have to lead you to despair.

This might sound weird and counterintuitive but there's good news about bad news. The good news about bad news is that bad news can lead you to good news. Bad news has the potential to draw you near to God. If you choose to be humble and vulnerable, bad news can bring you near to God, but it's only the Good News that transforms you in the presence of God. Believe the Good News.

Discussion

1. Read 1 Corinthians 15:32-34. In the context of chapter 15, how is, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die," anti-resurrection talk? In what way is anti-resurrection talk bad news? How can anti-resurrection talk steal your hope in Christ?
2. How is engaging in anti-resurrection (bad news) talk keeping bad company and corrupting good manners (v. 33)? What would be some modern day examples of bad news talk?
3. How is the sharing of bad news without Christian hope physically and mentally draining? How can bad news actually lead us to Christian hope? Instead of leaving you burdened how can bad news lead you to rest in God's grace and strength?
4. Good News triumphs over bad news. How can the Good News about Jesus win people to the hope of salvation and the promise of a better life?

Application

5. Share a personal story about how bad news led to good news in your life? Where did you see God's activity? How did God lead you to act in love and obedience even during hard times?
6. The Good News of Jesus Christ is both a reminder and an invitation. Be reminded not to forget your First Love and what he has done for you and the world through his death, burial, and resurrection. In what part of your life can you choose to accept Jesus' invitation into a greater calling and purpose? In what ways will you choose to be a witness of the Good News?

End in Prayer.

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