

SERMON SERIES: Go Tell It
SPEAKER: Campus Pastors
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Sermon Title:

“News About Jesus Requires A Response”

Introduction

This week, as we look forward to Christmas, we began our two week series, Go Tell It. Our campus pastors spent time in the Word focusing on the birth of John the Baptist with the key theme that news about Jesus requires us to respond. It is impossible to encounter Christ without responding one way or another, and our response should be to go tell everyone.

- Share a story about some big news that you received. How did you respond? How did it change your day to day life?

Seek the Word

- Read Luke 1:5-24. We see Zechariah's response to the angel's announcement about the birth of John the Baptist. How does Zechariah's initial skepticism and sudden silence reflect on the theme of faith in this narrative? What can we draw from his experience about trusting in God's promises even when they seem unlikely or beyond our understanding?
- Read Luke 1:57-66. When the birth of John the Baptist is celebrated, there is a significant moment when Zechariah confirms the name of his son. How does the naming of John, despite Zechariah's family expectations, emphasize the change in Zechariah's faith? How does it emphasize the role of faith and obedience in responding to God's plan?

Go Deeper

Read Luke 1:67-80. The first recorded words of Zechariah after his silence are a praise to God. What does Zechariah's song reveal about the faithfulness of God? How is his response to God opening his mouth different from when he was silenced?

Talk About It

- How does the faithfulness of God in Zechariah's life mirror the faithfulness of God in your own?
- Are you delaying responding to Jesus? Whether it be a first time decision to follow him or something he's called you to, what is Jesus asking you to respond to?
- What is holding you back from responding to Christ? What can your group be praying for as you prepare to take a step of faith in response to Jesus?

Wrap Up

Reminder: News about Jesus requires a response.

Challenge: Spend time each day this week praying for God to reveal an area in your life that you have yet to fully surrender to him. How might you need to respond to Christ this week? How does the faithfulness of Jesus help you in making your response?