



Two Reasons Good News // Week 2 Pastor Tim Moore

Overview

This week focuses on sharing the Good News with others. Whether we invite someone to come and see or personally share what Jesus has done in our lives, both are important. Our lives also play a significant role in how others receive our message. We want to be prepared to share the hope we have in Jesus with both confidence and kindness.

Icebreaker

- What's the best news you could ever hope to hear?

Read John 1:43–46 and Mark 16:15.

- What do these passages show us about sharing the Good News?
- Both of these roles are important! Some people may feel more comfortable inviting someone to church, while others may feel more confident sharing their faith personally.
 - Discuss the blessing of being the person who invites someone to come and see Jesus and the person who personally shares the Good News. Do you feel more confident in one role over the other? Which one and why?

The Credibility of the Messenger. How we live can influence how others view Jesus. Our actions and attitudes should reflect the message we share.

Read the following Scriptures:

- Matthew 5:16
- Titus 2:7–8
- 1 Peter 2:12
- Philippians 2:14–16

Discuss:

- How can the way we live impact our message about who God is to those around us?
- What are some practical ways we can reflect Jesus in our everyday interactions?

Read 1 Peter 3:15

- What does Peter tell us to always be prepared to do?
- How does Peter say we should deliver this message? Why is it important to share our faith with gentleness and respect, even when someone disagrees with us?

Two Reasons to Share the Good News

Pastor Tim shared two reasons we can give when someone asks why we believe in Jesus.

- **An External Reason: It has nothing to do with you.**
Jesus is the only person to predict His death and resurrection and pull it off.
- **An Internal Reason: It has everything to do with you.**
Jesus has changed my life for the better.

Discuss these two reasons as a group:

- Which reason feels more natural for you to share? Why?
- Can someone share an example of how Jesus has changed their life?

Let's Practice!

Step outside your comfort zone a little and try some role-play as a group. Have one person ask, "Why do you believe in Jesus?" Have the other person respond using either an external or internal reason. Switch roles and try the other response. The goal isn't to have the perfect answer. It's to practice sharing your faith in a natural, confident, and respectful way.

Application

This week, look for one opportunity to invite someone to church or share what Jesus has done in your life. Ask God to help you recognize opportunities, live in a way that reflects Him, and be prepared to share the hope you have in Jesus.

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for the hope we have in Jesus. Help us live in a way that reflects Your character and draws others toward You. Give us confidence to share our faith, wisdom to know what to say, and gentleness and respect in how we say it. Open our eyes to opportunities to invite others to come and see and to share what You have done in our lives. Help us be faithful in sharing the Good News with those around us. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Upcoming Events:

- 10/25 – Trunk or Treat

Resources:

- To request prayer: <https://thexchurch.churchcenter.com/people/forms/13150>
- To meet with a Pastor: <https://thexchurch.churchcenter.com/people/forms/534644>
- Financial Assistance, Sobriety Resources, grief support, and more: <https://thex.church/care/>

X Church Podcast: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8rUS49IuWYwojA6eKlA_VuAO592ZYQgd