



The Fire of Urgency

Good News // Week 3

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Overview

This week, Pastor Russ challenged us to develop a fresh urgency for sharing the Good News. In Luke 15, Jesus tells the story of a woman who diligently searches for a lost coin and celebrates when she finds it. This reflects God's heart for those who are far from Him. When we understand the value of the Good News and the hope Jesus offers, we should want others to experience it too.

Icebreaker

- Can you keep a secret? Why or Why not?

Read Luke 15:8-10 (NIV)

- What does the woman do when she realizes her coin is lost?
- What happens when she finds the coin, and what does Jesus say this teaches us about heaven?
- Have you ever experienced a moment like this when you have led someone to Christ?

Three Actions to Develop a Fire for Sharing the Good News:

- 1. Pray regularly for people who are far from God.** When we pray for others, God can work in their lives while also softening our hearts toward them. Consistent prayer helps us develop a greater burden for people who need Jesus.
 - Who in your life needs prayer because they are far from God?
 - How might regularly praying for that person change your heart and help you remain hopeful?
- 2. Step boldly into every opportunity to share your faith.** When we ask God for opportunities, we can become more aware of the people and moments He places in front of us. Sharing our faith doesn't have to be complicated; it can begin with a conversation, an invitation, or simply sharing what Jesus has done in our lives.
 - What might keep you from stepping into an opportunity to share your faith?
 - What is one opportunity you could take this week to share the Good News with someone?
- 3. Ask passionately for God to fill you with a fresh fire.** In Acts 1:8, Jesus promises that the Holy Spirit will give His followers power to be His witnesses. The Spirit's power is not just for our own experience; it equips us to share the hope and love of Jesus with others.
 - Have you ever experienced a season when your passion for sharing your faith felt stronger—or weaker? What contributed to that?
 - What would it look like for you to ask God for a fresh fire and renewed boldness to be His witness?

Application

Jesus cares deeply about those who are far from Him. We are called not only to receive the Good News but also to help others experience it. Choose one step to put into practice this week:

- **Pray:** Identify one person who is far from God and pray for them regularly.
- **Notice:** Ask God to help you recognize an opportunity to share your faith, then take a step when it comes.
- **Ask:** Pray for a fresh fire and the courage to be a messenger of the Good News.

Who is the “one” in your life that God may be calling you to reach?

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for pursuing us and giving us the hope of new life through Jesus. Give us Your heart for those who are far from You. Help us pray faithfully for the people in our lives, recognize opportunities to share the Good News, and step forward with courage when those opportunities come. Holy Spirit, fill us with a fresh fire and empower us to be Your witnesses. Help us never forget the joy of seeing someone come to know You. 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=PL8rUS49luWYwojA6eKlA_VuAO592ZYQgd