



It's Not Fire Insurance Good News // Week 1 Pastor Tim Moore

Overview

This week launched our new series, Good News, by challenging the idea that the gospel is simply “fire insurance” for eternity. The Good News is that Jesus has rescued us from sin and death and invites us into real life with God now and forever. Salvation is not simply about what happens when we die; it is about experiencing new life in Christ today. The message also explored why we sometimes struggle to share the Good News. Our faith is personal, but it was never meant to be private. When Jesus changes our lives, we have something worth sharing.

Ice Breaker

When you get really good news, who is usually the first person you want to tell?

Read Ephesians 2:1–9

- How does Paul describe our condition before Christ?
- What did God do for us even though we were dead in our sins?
- What does this passage teach us about grace and salvation?
- How does this challenge the idea that Christianity is simply about getting to heaven when we die?

Read Ephesians 2:4–6, 8–9 (*again*)

- What stands out to you about God’s mercy and love?
- What does it look like to experience the life of God in you and not simply have a religious belief?
- Where have you seen Jesus bring change, hope, peace, joy, or purpose into your life?

Group Discussion

Pastor Tim identified five reasons we may struggle to share the Good News. Read through the list and encourage each person to identify one they relate to most.

- My faith is a private matter.
- I don’t want to impose my beliefs on others.
- I don’t know what to say.
- I don’t think about it much.
- The Good News is only fire insurance.

Then as a group, discuss:

- Which one did you choose, and why?
- What makes sharing your faith difficult in this area?
- What could help you move past that hesitation?

Application:

Jesus has brought us from death to life, and He sends us into the world to share that Good News with others. Choose one of the following:

- Ask God to open your eyes to one person who needs hope.
- Write down one or two sentences about what Jesus has changed in your life.
- Look for one opportunity this week to encourage someone or share part of your story.

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for the Good News of Jesus. Thank You that You did not leave us in our sin and brokenness, but because of Your great love and mercy, You made a way for us to experience new life through Christ. Help us remember that the gospel is not simply about someday; it changes the way we live today. Open our eyes to the people around us who need hope. Give us courage to share what You have done in our lives and help us never forget how good Your Good News really is. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Upcoming Events:

- 10/7 – First Wednesday Prayer, 7:30am
- 10/7 – Worship Night, 7:00pm
- 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=PL8rUS49luWYwojA6eKIA_VuAO592ZYQgd