



The Church Next Door

April 20 - 21, 2019

Good News Rising!

I. Announcements & Prayer

- 1) **Deeper Life** - April 28 @ 5 pm
- 2) **Outreach** - Get together as a group to participate in a church outreach!
- 3) **Leadership Night** - Monday, May 6 @ 7 pm
- 4) **Next Steps** - Sat, May 4 @ 6:15 pm; Sun, May 5 @ 12:15 pm
- 5) **Baptism** - Sun, Apr 28 @ 11 am service; Sign up online
- 6) **Join us for National Day of Pray** - Thurs, May 2 @ 7-8 pm
- 7) Remember to **Vote** - Tues, May 7
- 8) **Blood Drive** - Mon, May 13 @ 2-7 pm; Sign up at: www.rcblood.org/appt Sponsor code: TCND
- 9) Pray for the Africa Mission Trip Team - Apr 22-May 2
- 10) Did you know that Pastor Doyle has a new website with daily devotions? The plan is to have more tools to help us grow as disciples. Check it out at <https://doylejackson.com>
- 11) **Mother's Day** weekend is May 11-12 with special guest Rachel Wojo

II. Ice Breaker Questions

- 1) Which do you like best: one-on-one time or being in a group of people? What energizes you: being alone, in a small group, or in a great crowd?
- 2) What is your favorite emoji? (If you don't know what an emoji is, tell us your favorite flavor of ice cream. They are not related.)

III. Discussion Questions - Let's Get Talking!

Read Proverbs 15:30 (NIV) ³⁰Light in a messenger's eyes brings joy to the heart, and good news gives health to the bones.

- 1) What is the best news you have had to share this week? (How about those Blue Jackets?) Why does good news to share feel so good?

Read Proverbs 25:25 (NIV) ²⁵ Like cold water to a weary soul is good news from a distant land.

Read Isaiah 52:7 (NIV) ⁷ How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

2) What do these verses teach us about good news? How have you experienced good news changing the direction of your life?

Read Isaiah 61:1 (NIV) ¹ The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners...

3) Isaiah lived 750 years before Jesus. How would these verses have been good news or helpful to those who loved God but were living far from Jerusalem?

4) How have these words been true of Jesus in your life? Jesus read these words when He read the scroll of Isaiah in Luke 4. Jesus implies that He came to fulfill this prophecy.

Read Matthew 28:1, 5-10 (NIV) ¹ After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

⁵ The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified."

⁶ He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

⁸ So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. **Go and tell my brothers** to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

5) What would be the best part of being the first to know Jesus had risen? The Angel said, "Don't be afraid." Why would they be afraid? What makes us afraid to tell?

6) Who do you think they told beyond the disciples? Who would be your first three people to text, call, or run to tell? What would you say first?