

Connect Group notes - Have we got news for you! - Week 1

Cluster time

As the groups cluster for the first 10-15 minutes think of a fun game or icebreaker

Discussion time

Read Luke 8 v.1

- What do you think most people think of when they hear the word 'gospel?'
- How would you try to explain why the gospel is such good news?
- How does the understanding of Euangelion impact your view of the gospel of Jesus?

Luke says 'after this....' the idea that whatever has gone before there is good news!

Look at Luke 7....pick out one of those stories....read it then open up discussion...

- What happens in the story?
- Where do we see bad news?
- How does Jesus bring good news?
- What can that say to our lives today?

Application time

Consider the 3 statements used Sunday and share which one impacts you the most right now and why.....

- You may be out of options but you are never out of Hope
- Your defeats don't have to be defining
- Your pain can become your platform

Prayer time

Finish by praying for one another....

Has anyone received some 'bad news' or living with 'bad news' right now?

Pray 'good news' over and for one another

Pray for our nation right now and for the emergence of 'good news' in our nation....

Going deeper

The origins of the word 'gospel' go way back even before Christianity.

They have their roots in history, the announcement of good news is always tied to the reign of a king and a kingdom. The story of God is the story of 2 kingdoms.

The gospel of the kingdom of God is tied to the authority and ministry of Jesus.

Read these scriptures and try to draw out the characteristics, the hallmarks of the kingdom of God, this is the gospel, this is the good news!

Isaiah 52 v.7

Luke 4 v. 18-19

Mark 1 v.14-15

Matthew 11 v. 4-5

Romans 14 v.17

How does this impact how we should live our lives?