

This devotional is for individuals and small groups  
(Groups discuss each day's question(s) together).

# GOOD STORY

## MEMORIZE LUKE 4:43

*But he said, "I must proclaim the good news (GOOD STORY) of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent."*

*Luke 4:43*

Take time this week to read Mark chapters 6-10.

## DAY ONE

Take this week's memory verse (Luke 4:43) and study it by using the PRONOUNCE IT method. Read the verse several times aloud emphasizing a different word each time. What impact do the words "good **story**" as opposed to "gospel" or "good news" have on the verse?

## DAY TWO

READ **Mark 1:14-15**. As you're reading through the book of Mark, what story do you see Jesus proclaiming? What do Jesus' teachings say about how we are to live? Are these teachings a part of the gospel or GOOD STORY? If not, why not? If so, is my own life telling the good story?

## DAY THREE

READ **Matthew 7:24**. What "words" is Jesus referring to? Are these teachings a part of the gospel as well? Using the PROBE IT Bible study method, answer the following questions:

- What did this verse mean when Jesus spoke to the crowd?
- What is the timeless truth Jesus is teaching?
- How does it apply to my life today?
- How does it apply to my understanding of the GOOD STORY & my life?

## DAY FOUR

READ **1 Corinthians 15:1-8**. By holding up a steering wheel and declaring it to be a car is truncating our knowledge and understanding of what a car really is and what it can do. In the message this past weekend, Paul talked about different ways we truncate the gospel; ways that we hold up **part(s)** of the GOOD STORY of God and declare them to be the **whole** story.

Referring to the weekend's message, some of the ways we truncate the gospel are by declaring the GOOD STORY as baptism, mass, praying the "sinner's prayer," walking the aisle or assent to the tenants of atonement. We take hold of a steering wheel or a tail light and call it a car. What have I understood the GOOD STORY of God to be? What truncated versions have I heard or believed?

## DAY FIVE

READ **Romans 1:1-6**. What is the whole story? To be a Christian is to make God's story, my story. We're also instructed to follow Jesus with our life's purpose being to love Him, obey Him, and become like Him. The GOOD STORY is more than a declaration of truths. It is believing in such a way that we become a part of the story as we live for the hero of the story, Jesus. Is this the story I have signed up for? Are there parts of the story whether intentionally or not, that I haven't embraced? What is keeping me from embracing God's whole story as my own?

## NOTES

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