

CONFIRMATION SESSION: NEW

CONTENT OVERVIEW

Upon receiving good news, what do you typically do? Our natural tendency, of course, is to tell someone. We share our news in different ways, but perhaps the most popular way is to post about it on social media. The moment something good happens to us, we announce it on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter for all of our followers to see. We post pictures using the best filter, write creative captions that embody the moment and mood, and tag people with whom this event happened. We then wait to see how many comments and likes we will receive. As the number increases, we are affirmed that this is indeed good news. Ultimately, when we receive good news, we want to share it with others.

The disciples experienced this, too. The word “Gospel” means “good news.” The good news the disciples were sharing — which is good news for us today, too — was that Jesus’ death and Resurrection changed everything. Sin holds us captive, leads us to death, and prevents us from living the life God has planned for us. But through Jesus’ death and Resurrection, our relationship with God is restored and sin and death are defeated forever.

In the past, when countries won battles that changed the course of history, large archways or monuments were constructed to celebrate the victory and display it for all to see. Today, when sports teams win a championship, they are given a trophy, cup, or award that represents their victory and is usually put on display or paraded in the street so people can celebrate the victory with them. As Christians, our ultimate victory is Jesus’ death and Resurrection. The symbol of this victory is the cross, a true symbol of our freedom. The cross is a reminder for us that the battle for our souls has been won forever. It is a reminder that we are no longer slaves to sin and can live in the freedom of Christ. This is good news and, like all good news, we should share it with the world.

CONVERSATION STARTERS

1. How do you typically share good news with others?
2. Why is the cross significant? What does the cross mean to you?
3. What are some ways that we can live in the freedom of Christ?