

# Discipleship Moment

**Text: Luke 24:1-12**

I remember vividly the day I asked my wife to marry me. It was a warm, spring day. And we went to a park for a picnic. We had gotten Subway to eat, and I could only have about two bites, I was so nervous. I told her how much I loved her and pulled the ring out of my pocket. She cried, I cried: and we didn't finish our sandwiches. We got back in the car and wanted to tell everyone we knew. We were in college at the time and lived in the dorms: first, we went to her dorm, telling everyone we saw, we went to our friends' apartment, told them, we went to the staff, told them, we told everyone we saw.

We had some really, really good news. The word *gospel*, in Greek, means good news. Sara and I had a gospel to proclaim: we were engaged. We were excited about our upcoming wedding and all the festivities that included. When someone has good news or a gospel, they want to share it with everyone: it could be a baby announcement, a wedding announcement, graduating college or high school, whatever. In any case, when there is good news, we want to tell people. When we experience something really spectacular, we want to tell people. When we experience something life-changing, we remember the details. We remember how we felt, we take pictures in our mind, and we never forget the emotions or the images we felt or saw.

This weekend we celebrated something that happened. Jesus of Nazareth rose from the dead. I know it doesn't feel meaningful to some of you, you've been hearing this story for the last 30, 40, 50 or more years. You've heard pastor after pastor talk about the resurrection. But something happened to these people. And they told others, and they shared their stories, they practiced their stories so they could tell them accurately and meaningfully. They wrote and sang and told about what they saw, felt, and experienced. And now we have the New Testament. The collection of stories, letters, poems, and accounts of what these witnesses saw and the implications of this good news.

The women started it. They started the witnessing. They were the first Christian preachers: proclaiming Christ's resurrection. Peter, Paul, and the other Apostles continued this tradition of proclaiming Jesus' resurrection. All the way down to us in the Sauk Valley. Now it's our turn. It's our turn to experience the risen Jesus. It is our turn to experience this good news. It is our turn to announce this good news to the world: to our family and friends and neighbors.

Christ is risen, alleluia!

## Going Deeper

*Use this resource to start conversations about this week's sermon for your personal devotions, with your family, or with your Life Group. You can use one question per day or all at once*

1. Have you ever experienced good news like mine described above? What was it like? How did you feel? Who did you tell? How did you celebrate?
2. When you experience this good news, did you tell people? Who? Why did you tell them?
3. Was it difficult to tell people? Did you have to be compelled to tell others about your good news? Why or why not?
4. Is the resurrection of Jesus good news to you? Why? What impact does it have on your life?
5. Have you told anybody about this good news? Why or why not?
6. Reflect this week about the resurrection and all that it means to you. Make a list of the ways your life is different because of Jesus. What would it be like to share this good news with someone?