

Read: Luke 4:38-44

Sent For All, So We Tell All

Luke 4:43-44

But [Jesus] said, "I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent." And he kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The students rehearsed for hours. They knew they needed to have each song memorized and the words of the story clear. It was the best story ever told! They would perform a musical for their parents and grandparents, telling the story of Jesus' birth. But they didn't want to do just one performance. They prepared so they could go out to the community and perform to others in the community—to nursing homes, to group homes, and assisted living centers.

When you have good news, you are eager to tell others. You don't just stop at the first or second person, but you continue sharing the good news with other people too, and even more so when it is news about Jesus.

This past Christmas season, we heard again how God kept his promise to send a Savior to rescue his creation from sin, death, and the power of the devil. Jesus came to earth as a baby and grew up in a family. When Jesus began to preach to the people of Galilee and perform miracles, they wanted him to stay among them for good. Jesus knew he couldn't. Why? Because his Father sent him on a mission to "proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God" to all people. God's plan held so much more than an earthly king to free people from their troubles. Jesus knew the people who needed his power to be healed and people who needed to hear that he was the Savior to rescue them. This was all part of God's plan so that others would come to know who Jesus is.

Jesus didn't stop sharing the good news of God's plan after the first or second person he met. He wants more and more people all over the world to hear his good news. You are part of God's plan. Think of how you came to know about Jesus. Think about how many events and people were part of the reason you came to know Jesus. All because people knew they needed to tell more people. Someone told *you!*

But don't let the good news stop with you! Now that we have heard and been healed by Jesus, may we be eager to share this news. Why? Because Jesus was sent for all, we tell all!

The questions below are to help families discuss this devotion. The questions are divided by age group as suggestions, but anyone could reflect on any of the questions as they desire.

Questions for the Younger Children

- What kind of news did Jesus share while he was on earth?
- What exactly did Jesus do that makes it good such good news?

Questions for Elementary Age Children

- Why did Jesus tell the people that he had to preach to other people too?
- In what ways did Jesus fulfill God's plan for him?

Questions for Middle School and Above

- Read Luke 4:42. The people wanted Jesus to stay among them. Was this selfish of them? Why or why not?
- If you and your family stopped sharing Jesus today, discuss together a list of people who would be impacted. Double down on that list and pray for those names.

Closing Prayer:

Dear Jesus, our Savior, forgive us for the times we have kept you to ourselves instead of giving out your Word to others around us. Give us hearts focused on you. Help us go out into all the world and share the good news. In your name we pray, Amen.