



Simply Good News

Session 2 - Foolish, Scandalous, or Good?

1. Review how these 4 points help define good news:
 - a. Announcement of event that has happened
 - b. Larger backstory within which the announcement makes sense
 - c. Sudden unveiling of new future that lies ahead
 - d. Transformation of the present moment
2. What is incorrect about viewing Christianity as a religion, a moral system, or a philosophy?
3. How does Paul communicate the Good News in 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10?
4. Wright writes, “[Paul] was telling them that something happened which had changed the world, that the world was now a different place, and that he was summoning them to be part of that new, different reality. He was telling them about an event that would cause them to adjust their entire lives in order to come into line with the way things now were.” How does understanding the Good News as an event in history requiring a response to that event sharpen our understanding of the Good News?
5. Why is it shortsighted to say that Christianity is about getting people into heaven and teaching them to obey along the way?
6. How does Paul communicate the Good News in 1 Corinthians 15:3-6?
7. According to 1 Corinthians 1:21-25, what are the 3 responses to the Good News?
8. Wright writes, “It’s a world that then makes sense - challenging, life-altering sense, but sense nonetheless - of every other aspect of the world, from farming

and fishing to politics and philosophy, from love and laughter to history and hope.” How does the Good News transform how we view and exist in the world?

9. Reflect on these words from CS Lewis, *“I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen. Not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.”*

10. Wright writes, *“That was the good news, according to the Bible and according to Paul. Something had happened. Something would happen. And in between, something powerful and mysterious was happening in the lives of all those who found themselves caught up in it. If we want to recapture the dynamic of the original early Christian gospel, we need to recapture this triple vision, and to see in particular what this tells us about the meaning of the word God.”* Thoughts?