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that good news shouldn't stop with you

1. Despair happens in your relational world

2 Kings 6:24-30

Deuteronomy 28:49-53

2. Despair was a part of your life before you were rescued by Jesus

2 Kings 7:3-8

"The Gospel centers on justification, the truly dramatic transition from the status of a condemned criminal awaiting a terrible sentence to that of an heir awaiting a fabulous inheritance."

J.I. Packer, *Knowing God*.

3. Telling your world about Jesus' salvation is your responsibility

2 Kings 7:9-11

"The greatest crime in the desert is to find water and keep silent about it"

African proverb

Significance of the lepers' motivation:

- It motivated them to share their good news – they acted
- It's two of many types of motivations that the Bible gives us for why we should share our "Good News"

4. People's response to Jesus is not your responsibility

2 Kings 7:12-16

You've been rescued to rescue.

Now What?

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HOME GROUP NOTES

Week of September 17

Rooted & Reaching: Don't Keep it to Yourself

Home groups are people aiming to do life and mission together. We have different backgrounds and styles, but share a common desire to know Jesus. No matter where we are in our journey, God can use us to love and encourage one another.



Share It

Because of the floods in Texas and Florida, the news showcases many rescues. We all need rescuing of some kinds. What are some that you have needed? Who helped?



Study the Bible

What does the Bible say about our need for rescue and God's choice to rescue us?

Ephesians 2:1

Romans 3:23

Luke 19:10

Galatians 4:4-5

Titus 3:3-6

What does the Bible say about our role in God's rescue mission?

John 13:34-35

2 Corinthians 5:14-15, 20



Discuss Together

What evidence is there that we live in a world broken by sin?

What does the Bible say was God's motivation to rescue us? (See Exodus 34:6; John 3:16; Titus 3:4) How can this be a driving force in our lives?

J. I. Packer wrote, "The Gospel centers on justification [i.e. being declared righteous], the truly dramatic transition from the status of a condemned criminal awaiting a terrible sentence to that of an heir awaiting a fabulous inheritance." If we understand and believe this, how should it motivate us to live?



Pray

- For our middle and high schoolers in their new year.
- For the suffering people in Texas and Florida.
- For one another as we interact with people in our worlds.



Apply It This Week

Reflect on God's rescue of you personally. What and who drew you to Christ? Ask God to help you assess your compassion for those without Christ. Do you feel engaged in God's mission to rescue others?