



# A Day of *Good* *News*

BANNING LIESCHER



Sunday Message





# Teaching Text:



## (NKJV) 2 Kings 7:3-9

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Now there were four men with leprosy at the entrance of the city gate. They said to each other, “Why stay here until we die? If we say, ‘We’ll go into the city’—the famine is there, and we will die. And if we stay here, we will die. So let’s go over to the camp of the Arameans and surrender. If they spare us, we live; if they kill us, then we die.”

At dusk they got up and went to the camp of the Arameans. When they reached the edge of the camp, no one was there, for the Lord had caused the Arameans to hear the sound of chariots and horses and a great army, so that they said to one another, “Look, the king of Israel has hired the Hittite and Egyptian kings to attack us!” So they got up and fled in the dusk and abandoned their tents and their horses and donkeys. They left the camp as it was and ran for their lives. The men who had leprosy reached

the edge of the camp, entered one of the tents and ate and drank.

Then they took silver, gold and clothes, and went off and hid them. They returned and entered another tent and took some things from it and hid them also. Then they said to each other, “What we’re doing is not right. This is a day of good news and we are keeping it to ourselves



# recap.

This week Banning Liebscher shares a powerful and timely message on the necessity and importance of evangelism. Many of us know that evangelism is an important part of our Christian walk but few of us actually put it into practice on a daily basis. God wants to give us a heart for evangelism and a burning passion for souls.

God is in pursuit of His people. God's heart is longing for people to know His love for them. He is not passive in His pursuit and He is actively pursuing His people. He sent His only Son in order to accomplish this purpose and He is at the door of hearts, knocking. The most incredible part of evangelism is that God decided to entrust each of us with the task of pursuing His people!

He is pursuing people through our lives. God has willingly chosen to work through us for the thing He longs for the most. He will move through our lives to reach others and He sticks with us no matter how bad we mess things up.

God will use famine to accomplish His purposes. We live in a fallen world riddled

with pain and chaos but God can use all of it for His glory. Famine exposes things... it exposes our weaknesses, our fears and our false comforts. The world makes promises it cannot deliver on and famine exposes fraud for what it is. When we come to the end of our strength, when we see the promises of the world for what they are, shallow and empty, we are ready to turn to Jesus.

People in famine need to hear our individual stories. Each of our stories are powerful because they are ultimately stories of feasting in the midst of famine. The power of the Gospel is put on display through our individual lives. His heart is for people and it is in that context that our stories matter. People are desperate for Jesus and the Gospel story. We all have a story of identity, hope, redemption, peace, security and salvation.



# Discussion Guide

## Emotional Health Check In:

Take a few minutes to do an emotional health check in with your Life on Life group, creating space for each person to answer the question below:

### **What are you hoping for in this season?**

If the need arises, spend a few minutes praying for one another, asking God to meet needs and help each person carry what feels heavy right now.

## **ENGAGE**

**What has been your past experience with evangelism? Is it something you feel comfortable engaging in?**

**How did God actively pursue you? How were you introduced to the Gospel story?**

**How has God used your season of famine for good?**

## **ENCOUNTER**

Spend a few minutes in stillness and quiet (you may want to play soaking music) in your group and ask the Holy Spirit the following question:

**Take some time with the Holy Spirit and ask Him to highlight any individual/people groups that He would like you to share the Gospel story with. Ask Him to reveal any roadblocks or barriers that are keeping you from doing so.**

If time permits, allow those who want to, to share what God spoke to them during the encounter time.

## **EQUIP**

Write out your story this week. Focus on places that God showed up and did a work of healing, restoration and redemption. Choose one person to share your story with (ideally this person has not heard your story before).





