

PRAYER

- Thank God for the good news of peace, happiness, and salvation that is available to us in Christ. Pray that every aspect of your life will be transformed by this truth.
- Ask God for opportunities to proclaim the good news to those around you. Pray that you will declare the gospel with boldness and conviction.
- Start praying for the nation that God has placed in your heart, believing that He will be revealed to the people in that nation and their eyes will be opened to Him.

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LIGHT FOR THE NATIONS

The Herald Who Proclaims Good News

WEEK 2

WARM-UP

- Have you ever been chosen for a special task? What made you the best candidate for it?
- Which country have you always wanted to visit? Why?
- Tell us about your favorite food. What makes it special?

WORD *⁷How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." ⁸The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion. ⁹Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. ¹⁰The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. **ISAIAH 52:7-10***

God's plan of salvation was foretold in the Old Testament and fulfilled with the coming of Christ. The prophet Isaiah spoke of this, and the apostle Paul referred to it in Romans 10:13-15. God worked out our salvation in Christ. As recipients of this, we are called to proclaim this to the world, leading to more people knowing and following Him. In this lesson, we will look at what is at work in saving people: God's arm, our feet and voice to proclaim the good news, and people's eyes being opened to the gospel.

1 | God extends His arm of salvation to the nations.

The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

ISAIAH 52:10

From the very beginning, God intended the world to be good. When sin entered the world and corrupted it, God had a plan to redeem the world. He was at work to extend His arm of salvation, which symbolizes His power and might. Because God so loved the world, He sent Jesus, His Son, to save humanity through His life, death, and resurrection. This is the good news for all of us today. Those who believe in Jesus and call on His name will not perish, but have eternal life (John 3:16). How has God extended His arm of salvation to you and those you love?

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2 | We use our feet to go and our voice to proclaim the good news.

*⁷How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." ⁸The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the Lord to Zion. **ISAIAH 52:7-8***

As we have received the good news of peace, happiness, and salvation, we are to proclaim this to the ends of the earth. This truth is worth sharing because it will bring God's strength and saving power to those who hear and believe it! But people can only believe and hear when someone goes and preaches to them (Romans 10:13-15). Who preached the good news to you? How did it happen?

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3 | As a result, people's eyes will be opened to God's salvation.

The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

ISAIAH 52:10

When we go and preach, many people will have the opportunity to receive and experience Christ's salvation. Even as we participate in proclaiming the good news to the world, ultimately, God is the one who reveals Himself to people, opens their eyes, and transforms their lives. According to 1 Corinthians 3:5-6, who is responsible for our spiritual growth and transformation?

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APPLICATION

- How has the gospel transformed your life? If this is your first time to hear the gospel, would you like to put your complete faith in the Lord Jesus Christ today?
- To whom can you preach the gospel this week? Think of how you can begin a conversation with this person.
- Since the gospel is to be preached in every nation, is there a particular nation God has placed in your heart to pray for? How can you participate in what God is doing in that nation?