

Together, Helping People
Know, Live & Share
The Good News

-First Baptist Church of South Berwick, Mission Statement

Final words of Jesus from the four gospels¹.

Matthew 28:18-20

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Mark 16:15-16, 21

“Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.” ... Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.

Luke 24:47-49

“This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

John 20:21,22

“Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”

Pray

Your mission to share the Good News comes from God. Though this mission may feel intimidating at times, God has promised both his presence and his power. Truly, God is the primary agent in sharing the Good News with others. You are the tool that he uses.

If we want to be used by God as individuals and as a church, we must commit to prayer. You may want to begin each morning like this:

*Loving Father,
Give me your heart for those who are lost.
Give me your eyes to see who needs to know more about Jesus.
Give me your patience to listen well,
and your wisdom to ask the right questions.
Help me not to push forward without care,
nor to hold back without compassion.
If I find an opportunity, give me your boldness, power, & love
to share about Jesus, and trust you for the result.*

Prepare

We will spend at least six weeks during the sermon time focusing on sharing the Good News. I will be sharing specific ways for you to put what is taught into practice. For today and this week, I want you to consider who in your life needs to know more about the Good News found in Jesus. Ask God to give you a sense of at least two people to pray for during the next month or so. Pray for an opportunity to take the next step in sharing with them about Jesus.

¹ The passage from John is a chapter from the end of the book.