

So Many Good Gifts - Dave Bartlett

Each of us come into this journey with Jesus (The Good News) motivated by unique benefits that this journey with Jesus offers. Some of us come first for forgiveness of sins, others come for purpose, or avoiding hell, or because it makes sense or because they want hope or heaven. The beautiful and true part of the good news is that when we follow Jesus we get all of these benefits even in this broken world where we find ourselves.

The Good News is God's offer of good gifts. As a part of common grace, God gives good gifts to all humans. As a part of the good news, and as we follow Jesus, God gives additional good gifts to his followers. Following Jesus comes with great costs and great benefits.

Icebreaker:

- What is something you intended to do today but didn't? Why not?
- What is something about yourself you hope will never change?

Small Group Questions:

- What is your best understanding of why you first became a follower of Jesus? When was that? How did it happen?
- How has your understanding of following Jesus changed over time?
- What has been difficult for you in your following of Jesus?
- What benefits of following Jesus seem important to you today?
- Why do you want "the good news" for others you care about?

Engage the Bible: John 10:10 and 14:16. Matthew 16:24