

A photograph of a person sitting on a set of wide, stone steps. The person is wearing a dark, heavy coat and a hood, and is looking down at their hands. The steps are made of large, rectangular stones. The background is a plain wall. The text "Good News for the Poor" is overlaid on the image in a large, white, serif font.

# Good News for the Poor

A two-part series on  
The Gospel of Luke

## September 4, 2022

Luke 4:16–30 | *“Winning the Unpopular Vote”*

God in his grace comes to the poor and the needy with salvation. But, are we prepared to view ourselves in these terms? Are we prepared to embrace The Suffering Servant of the Lord and the way of suffering he desires to lead us in? Will we turn him away or will we turn and be healed?

## September 11, 2022

Luke 5:1–11 | *“An Unexpected Catch”*

The medium *is* the the message. This well known axiom reminds us of the importance of how we communicate, not just what. So, it is no accident that Jesus, who has a message of good news for the poor and vulnerable, surrounds himself with fishermen and other misfits. This call to leave everything behind and follow him is also extended to us.

## September 18, 2022

Luke 5:27–32 | *“Religiously Disturbed”*

Who are the people that are automatically rejected in our thinking? In Jesus’s day these were the tax-collectors. Betrayers of their own people and collaborating with the foreign oppressors. Yet, the grace of God (the good news) extended by Jesus is full enough to reach them. This is shocking and upsetting to those who desire purity.

## September 25, 2022

Luke 7:1–10 | *“Untrained Faith”*

What does a faith (trusting, committed, belief that leads to action) that saves look like? Do we turn to a Mother Theresa or a Martin Luther King Jr.? Jesus and Luke turn to a person outside of the faith. A person who understands trust and authority in military terms, not religious. How can we grown in such untrained faith?

## October 2, 2022

Luke 9:10–17 | *“Sent Home Filled”*

Too often we make a separation between physical and spiritual hunger and fulfillment. Jesus doesn’t indulge our “either/or” dichotomy. Rather, he desires to fill all people with an abundance of both. This is a part of the good news. And, what’s even more alarming, is he desires to do this work of feeding the nations through us the church.

## October 9, 2022

Luke 9:57–62 | *“Disrupted Discipleship”*

It is always tempting to try to dictate the terms of our own discipleship. Of course, if we actually did this, what we would have wouldn’t be discipleship. No, true discipleship to Jesus is disruptive to what we naturally want for ourselves. True discipleship is costly and demands nothing short of everything from us.