

**ULC Sermon Study Resource**  
***As We Wait // Waiting for Good News***  
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**Prayer:** Pause for a few moments to go to the Lord in prayer. Ask that He would draw near to you in this time, and open your heart and mind to hear His Word.

**Icebreaker:** What was your favorite or funniest Christmas gift this year?

**Reading:** Isaiah 52:7-10

**Outline:**

- I. The Good News is Subversive (v. 7)
  - A. Even though at the time of Christ's birth it appeared that Caesar was king, in reality, Jesus is king and Lord. Like Isaiah says in verse 7, Jesus still reigns.
  - B. News is an announcement that something significant has happened. Isaiah says, the good news is Yahweh is King. The angel says, the good news is Jesus is Lord.  
**Q: *What does it mean for the Good News to be subversive in our everyday lives?***
- II. The Good News is Near (v. 8)
  - A. As Jesus reigns over all, he also comes near to us through the Christmas story. He entered into our world through his birth in order to come near to us.
  - B. Jesus's rule is not exercised by force, violence, or oppression, but instead by entering into our sin and frailty. This is the good news.  
**Q: *When do you feel Christ is most near to you?***
- III. The Good News is for All (v. 9-10)
  - A. As the angels declare in Luke 2 and as Isaiah says in these verses, Jesus came to bring salvation to the whole world. The good news is for all of the earth.
  - B. The reign of God is comfort, redemption, salvation, and peace for all. Jesus is Lord and nothing else is, and every single person is invited to live under this truth.  
**Q: *How can help others see the Good News is for all?***

**Reflection/Application Questions:**

- 1) Why can it be hard to remember Jesus still reigns?
- 2) Should we use the Gospel to be subversive in the world around us?
- 3) What do we do when people use violence to justify Jesus's rule?
- 4) How do we effectively share the Gospel with all the earth?

**Suggestions for further study:**

- Romans 10:12-15 Q: How do these verses help us see how the Gospel is for all?
- Luke 2 Q: How do the parallels from the Christmas story point to a greater story about the Bible as a whole?

**Closing Prayer:**

Lord Jesus, we thank you that you came not with force or violence, but humbly and gently as a baby. Yet, you suffered violence and endured oppression for our sake, that you might redeem us. We know ultimately that you triumphed in your victory over the grave. We proclaim you as Lord now and always. Amen.