



Unit U2.4 How do Christians decide how to live?



Enquiry Questions

- How does the concept of 'Gospel' fit into the timeline of the Bible's 'Big Story'?
- What are the features of the Gospel texts?
- What might some of the Gospel texts mean to me and how does this compare to the way Christians interpret biblical texts?
- What are the connections between Gospel texts, Jesus' 'good news' and how Christians live in their Christian community and in their individual lives?
- How do biblical ideas and teachings (such as peace, forgiveness and healing) relate to the issues, problems and opportunities in the world today?

What will I know by the end of the unit?

Christians believe the good news is not just about setting an example for good behaviour and challenging bad behaviour: it is that Jesus offers a way to heal the damage done by human sin.

Christians see that Jesus' teachings and example cut across expectations — the Sermon on the Mount is an example of this, where Jesus' values favour serving the weak and vulnerable, not making people comfortable.

Christians believe that Jesus' good news not only transforms lives now, but also points toward a restored, transformed life in the future.

Christians believe that they should bring this good news to life in the world in different ways, within their church family, in their personal lives, with family, with their neighbours, in the local, national and global community.

Key Vocabulary

Christianity, Christian, belief, God, Jesus, bible, interpret, gospel, teachings, challenge, transform, peace, forgiveness, healing