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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Lectionary Year B

Scripture: [Mark 6:14-29](#) [**Summary:** *Passing On The Good News*]

Supplies Needed: Have a picture of a smiley face on a folded piece of paper, like the one at the end of this pdf. If you have 10 or more children, consider having two or more of the same picture to pass around.

ASK (a.k.a [The On-Ramp](#))

- Good morning!
- I have in my hand a picture, but it's folded up for the moment so that you can't see it.
- In just a minute, I'm going to pass it to the person next to me
- Once you receive it, look at the picture and then pass it to the next person.
- While you do that, I'm going to keep talking and making noise and doing whatever I can to make you forget about the picture you just saw.
- [*pass out the picture*]
- [*For a distracting song and dance, consider doing the [Hokey Pokey](#) (sorry for the cheesiness of the video) -- it is easy to sing, easy to dance to, goes for however long you need it to go, and is kind of funny to watch*]
- Ok, now that you've seen the picture, do you still remember what it was? (yes)
- Can you tell me what it is? (a smiley face)
- Very impressive! Even though I tried really hard to make you forget the picture, you still remembered it!
- And, even though I was trying to be distracting, you also remembered to pass the picture to the person next to you – well done!

TELL (a.k.a. *The Freeway*)

- In some ways, our activity is a lot like today's story.
- In the story, we hear that Jesus is sharing the message of the good news with lots of people.
- We also hear that what he's doing and saying is so exciting that the people from far away are hearing about him.
- And, what these people are hearing about Jesus makes them then think that he might be like other people who shared the good news, like John the Baptist or Elijah.
- But, what we also hear in the story is that it was dangerous for Jesus and other people to share the good news.
- Not everyone liked the good news of God's love, healing, and forgiveness and those people tried to stop the passing on of the good news.
- But that didn't stop Jesus or others from sharing the good news, just like I wasn't able to distract you enough from passing the note to each other.

SHARE the Good News (a.k.a. *The Destination*)

- And, just like you kept sharing the picture today, people throughout the years have kept sharing the good news about God's love, healing, and new life.
- Not only did Jesus and people before him pass on the good news, but then Jesus taught his disciples how to live and share the good news, too.
- Because these people kept sharing the good news of God's love, healing, and new life, we here at [*name of church*] are able to hear and receive the same good news that Jesus shared.
- And, the more we learn of and then live the good news, the more of God's love, healing, and new life we'll then be able to share with others.
- Just like Jesus, his disciples, John the Baptist, Elijah and more did.
- And that's the good news for today. Let's pray. This is a repeat after me prayer.

CLOSING Prayer

Dear God,

Dear God,

Thank you for Jesus...

Thank you for Jesus...

...and John the Baptist...

...and John the Baptist...

...and Elijah...

...and Elijah...

...and everyone else who has shared your good news...

...and everyone else who has shared your good news...

...so that we could hear it...

...so that we could hear it...

...and then share it with others.

...and then share it with others.

Thank you and amen

Smiley faces to print on paper (or just draw your own!):

