



**Main Passage: Romans 10:1-17**

### Theological Theme

The world is full of people who need to know salvation through Jesus Christ. The message of the gospel is meant to go to all people and the charge for Christians is to share that message with everyone they can.

### Introduction

- ? What unique circumstances of our time could make people feel like there is a lack of hope in the world?
- ? How does Jesus give us hope no matter what?

### 1. Knowing the Message (Romans 10:1-8)

Paul longed for his fellow Israelites to know Jesus and to accept the salvation available to all who believe through His finished work on the cross. The truth of the gospel changed Paul's life, and he spent the rest of his life sharing this good news with as many people as possible. All followers of Jesus are called to do the same.

- ? Why is zeal, or passion, without knowledge dangerous? Why is passion on its own not enough to reconcile us with God?
- ? What is your level of concern about those who don't know Jesus? What might this indicate about what you value most in life?
- ? Application: Who has God placed in your life that you can share the good news of Jesus with? What challenges you in doing that?

### 2. Believing the Message (Romans 10:9-13)

The righteousness of God is gained by faith in Jesus. It is not possible to gain this by our own works or efforts. Instead, Paul stressed the need to confess and believe in the person of Jesus Christ. The act of confession is not just admitting you have done wrong or failed to do right. Confession is also about agreeing with God. When we confess the Lord Jesus, we are agreeing with what God said about Jesus and with what Jesus said about Himself.

- ? Why do many find the biblical path to salvation too hard to believe? What makes us think we must do something more to be accepted by God? Where are you tempted to believe this specifically?
- ? If you have believed in and confessed Jesus as Lord, share your experience. If not, how might God be calling you to respond to Him?
- ? Application: Where have you been hesitant to agree with God fully about the message of the gospel or go "all in" on your stated belief? What is He calling you toward today?

### 3. Sharing the Message (Romans 10:14-17)

Paul was compelled to preach the Gospel everywhere he went and encouraged other Christians to obey the command of Jesus to do the same. Paul asked questions compelling the reader to think about those who don't know the name of Jesus: How can people be saved if they have never heard the gospel? How would they hear the gospel if no one preached it? These questions remind us that the work of the church is essential. God's people must be equipped to go out into the world and share the good news.

- ❓ What are some unique relationships and areas of influence where God might use you to share the gospel with others?
- ❓ Why is it important to recognize each person's individual responsibility to accept and spread the gospel? Why is it not enough to be in the "right" church or family?
- ❓ Application: How is God calling you to be on mission for Him? How will you respond? How will you take action in light of today's study?

### Questions to Guide Your Group's Discussion

1. What does this passage say?
2. What did this passage mean to its original audience?
3. What does this passage tell us about God?
4. What does this passage tell us about man?
5. What does this passage demand of me?
6. How does this passage change the way I relate to people? (*How can you use this information this week at work or with friends and neighbors?*)
7. How does this passage prompt me to pray to God?

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### Here's How to Become a Christ-Follower:

*Read the following verses and ask after each one: "What does this say to me?"*

- **All have sinned:** Romans 3:23 & 1 John 1:8
- **The wages of sin:** Romans 6:23 & John 3:18
- **But while we were sinners, salvation was provided:** Romans 5:8
- **Become a Christ-follower:** Romans 10:9-10 Confess and Believe

### Accepting Christ is Just the Beginning:

Next Steps:

- Publicly profess your faith by being baptized (Matthew 10:32-33; Luke 3:21; Romans 6:4).
- Join a church which follows the Bible, where you can grow in your faith through prayer, Bible study and fellowship with other Christians.
- Get involved in groups for encouragement and accountability.
- Begin a daily personal worship experience with God where you study the Bible and pray.
- Share with others what Jesus has done for you. Tell your story (Romans 10:14; Matthew 28:19-20).
- Begin to live for God (Romans 12:1-2, 9-18; James 1:19-27).