



How to Share the Gospel

Romans 10:13-15

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How to Prepare

Begin preparing by reading the full passage a few times. Then answer the questions for yourself. Then think about how your Small Group might answer them. Try re-wording the questions to fit you and your Small Group. Don't feel tied down to the discussion guide, just be sure to discuss the main point of the text in your conversations.

Resources-

<https://www.desiringgod.org/messages/how-shall-people-be-saved-part-2>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/whoever-calls-name-Lord-saved.html>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/hear-without-a-preacher.html>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/how-beautiful-on-the-mountains.html>

Discussion Guide Outline:

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1. Salvation Belongs to God. V. 13
2. God Invites Us to Participate in His Work. Vv. 14-15
3. Proclaim the Good News. Vv. 14-15

Romans 10:13-15

**The Word of Faith Brings
Salvation**

13 for "Whoever will call on the
name of the Lord will be
saved."

14 How then will they call on Him
in whom they have not
believed? How will they believe
in Him whom they have not
heard? And how will they hear
without a preacher?

15 How will they preach unless
they are sent? Just as it is
written, "How beautiful are the
feet of those who bring good
news of good things!"

Discussion Questions

Ask a volunteer to read Romans 10:13-15.

INTRODUCTION AND MAIN IDEA

Throughout Romans, Paul has been pointing to the good news of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. In Romans 10:13–15, he highlights God’s work of salvation for all and how He chooses to use us to proclaim the gospel so that others may hear and come to faith in Christ.

1. Can you think of a time when you were eager to share something you loved or treasured with someone else? What made you so eager for them to know about it?

UNDERSTANDING AND APPLICATION

These questions should help your Small Group dig deeper into the text and then apply it to your lives today.

I. Salvation Belongs to God. V. 13

2. In verse 13, Paul quotes Joel 2:32, stating, “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” In the context of Romans, what is the significance of the word “everyone,” and why might that have challenged the thinking of Paul’s original audience?

3. Read Joel 2:32. Is Paul introducing a new idea with his use of “everyone,” or is he carrying forward something that was already present in Scripture?

4. Read Ephesians 2:8–9, Jonah 2:9, and John 6:44. What do these passages add to our understanding of Romans 10:13? What do they reveal about God’s role in our salvation?

II. God Invites Us to Participate in His Work. Vv. 14-15

5. In verses 14–15, Paul asks a series of rhetorical questions. What logical progression is he presenting through these questions?

6. While asking his rhetorical questions, Paul uses the words “preach” and “preacher.” Is Paul calling us all to be pastors, or saying that pastors are the only way for people to hear the gospel? If not, what does he mean by “preach” and “preacher” in this context? (Note: The Greek verb used is *kērussō*, meaning to proclaim, announce, or herald a message.)

7. Read 1 Corinthians 3:5–9 and 2 Corinthians 5:18–20. What do these passages reveal about our role in God’s work of bringing people to Himself? What is the difference between the work God accomplishes and the work He gives us to do?

8. What thoughts or feelings come to mind when you consider that God has chosen to use you in His great work of bringing the gospel to others?

III. Proclaim the Good News. Vv. 14-15

9. Read Isaiah 52:7. Why do you think Isaiah describes the feet of the messenger bringing this good news as “beautiful”? What connection do you see between Isaiah’s message and Paul’s use of this verse in Romans 10?

10. Paul asks, "How are they to preach unless they are sent?" When we think about being "sent" to share the gospel, what are some places where we might take that message? (Note: Acts 1:8)

11. What might keep us from recognizing or acting on opportunities to share the gospel? How can we guard our hearts against these hesitations or distractions?

QUESTION AS WE GO

12. Who is someone in your life that you can share the gospel with today?

Commentary (from ESV Study Bible)

Rom. 10:12–13 God bestows his saving riches on all, both Jews and Gentiles, who call on him—for (as Paul quotes from Joel 2:32) “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Rom. 10:14–15 How then . . . ? With a series of rhetorical questions, Paul considers the chain of events necessary for a person to be saved. Verse 14 is linked to v. 13 with the word call. The logic of these verses is clear: (1) People will call on Jesus to save them only if they believe he can do so; (2) belief in Christ cannot exist without knowledge about him; (3) one hears about Christ only when someone proclaims the saving message; and (4) the message about Christ will not be proclaimed unless someone is sent by God to do so. That is why Paul was so urgent about spreading the gospel to the ends of the earth, for he believed that the only way to be saved was to hear and believe in the gospel (see note on 1:19–20). (Paul is not talking here about OT believers who looked forward to Christ, such as Abraham and David in ch. 4, nor is he talking about infants who die in infancy; see note on 2 Sam. 12:23). Since salvation comes only from hearing the gospel, the feet of those who bring the message about Christ are beautiful (Isa. 52:7), probably because the feet carry the messengers to their destinations.