



Desire

Romans 10:1-21

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Paul's desire for his people (verses 1-4)

1. What would it be like if salvation depended on us and not on what God has already done?
2. Thinking through the implications of question #1, why do you think people choose to reject or modify God's offer of salvation in Jesus?

The necessity of faith (verses 5-13)

It's Saturday, 10:00 a.m., and two Creeksiders show up at your door: *"Hello. We are from Creekside Church. We're conducting a survey of spiritual interest in Merced. The survey takes about 2 minutes or less. We we're wondering if we might ask you a few questions?"*

Below is the Spiritual Survey. Take time to ask each other these questions, share, and discuss your answers.

1. How interested are you in spiritual things? 1 2 3 4 5 (1 = no interest / 5 = very interested)

2. I'm satisfied where I'm at spiritually right now: yes no

3. How would you describe your perspective of God?

I believe in God I don't know if there is a God There is no God

4. What is your impression of the following (not the people but the religion or beliefs):

Christians: 1 2 3 4 5 (1 = not favorable / 5 = very favorable)

Muslims: 1 2 3 4 5

Jehovah's Witnesses: 1 2 3 4 5

Mormons (LDS Church): 1 2 3 4 5

Sikhs: 1 2 3 4 5

5. Do you have a spiritual background? yes no

If yes, what is it (i.e. Christian, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, Sikh, Jewish...): _____

Is your spiritual background a current part of your life? yes no

If yes – how often do you participate in a related activity?

once per week once or twice a month less than once a month

If Christian – what is your church background (i.e. Baptist, Catholic...): _____

6. Have you ever read:

The Bible: all of it some of it none of it

The Quran: all of it some of it none of it

The Book of Mormon: all of it some of it none of it

7. What happens after death?

nothing (i.e. life ends... period) life goes on judgment (Heaven or Hell) unsure don't think about it

8. Have you ever heard the term "gospel"? yes no

If yes – could you give me a brief explanation of what it is? yes no

The necessity of proclamation (verses 14-21)

1. What is the process of proclamation that Paul describes in verses 14 and 15?

Notice that Paul is not teaching about “preachers” (i.e. pastors) being sent but about a process through which God uses all His people to share the good news of the gospel.

2. What would happen if we refused to be a part of that process (or at least kept our participation to a “comfortable” minimum)?
3. How has God used you in that process?
4. How is God using you in that process?
5. How might God use you in that process?

TAKE HOME QUESTIONS:

1. If you had to pick just one insight from this study that speaks specifically to you, what would it be? Why?
2. How do you plan to respond to it this week?
3. Who do you know who needs to hear what was helpful for you in this study? When will you share this encouragement with them?