

ROMANS 10:14-21

PRAY: Thanking God that His good news has reached you and that you have His Word.

REST: List out ways that your life is proclaiming to those around you, and what your life is proclaiming in those things.

READ: Through the section once. Read through again, from the beginning of the chapter. As you read through again, consider all of the references to voices being used, and think about the connection between confessing, calling, preaching, and hearing.

Consider & Respond to these questions:

What does this section reveal about the character and plan of God?

Who else does this section describe and how?

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QUESTIONS FROM SUNDAY

Reflecting on this Sunday's teaching, respond to these questions:

If we view the good news of God's faithfulness individually instead of collectively, we will be content with keeping it to ourselves. The reality of the gospel is that all people and all nations now have a way to reconcile with God through His Son, and that should compel us to share it with everyone. Do you more often view the gospel individually or collectively? In light of what we have studied recently, is your view beginning to change?

What is it to be missional in the midst of our own spheres of influence? What should this look like for us as individuals, for our families, our neighborhoods, and our city?

Just as the Jews were to be a light to the nations around them by the very way they live life, the church is to be a light in the midst of the surrounding peoples. What about our way of life should communicate to the world that we are a "peculiar people"? Give practical examples to discuss.

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FOR FURTHER STUDY

God's plan in choosing Israel was to love His people and to be made known as glorious among the nations because of His relationship with them. But, on the whole, Israel didn't really get this. They didn't really accept God's love for them and they certainly didn't proclaim Him to those around them. This is the story of the Old Testament, of Israel's faithlessness in the face of God's faithfulness. And Paul is writing at a time when Isaiah's words seemed profoundly accurate—that Israel was angry about God loving others also. It can be easy, as beneficiaries of God's grace extended to all nations, to judge this attitude, but how often are we the same? How often do we refuse to accept God's love, and also refuse to share it with others? Or, perhaps more importantly, how are we to share the good news we've been given if we don't see and understand the goodness of it? How will we be motivated by the great love, glory, faithfulness, and trustworthiness of God if we do not know Him as He is—loving, glorious, faithful, and trustworthy?

God's Messengers: Isaiah 48:16-19, 52:3-10; Jeremiah 7:24-28, 26:11-15; Ezekiel 3:1-11; Jonah 3:1-5; Zechariah 2:8-13; Matthew 22:1-14; John 1:6-13; 1 Corinthians 1:17-18; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Ephesians 6:14-20

Missions: Psalm 2:7-12, 22:27-31, 46:8-10, 96; Isaiah 2:1-5, 11:1-10, 42:1-9; Zechariah 8:20-23; Malachi 1:11; Matthew 24:9-14, 28:18-20; Mark 13:9-13; Luke 24:44-48; Acts 13:2-3, 13:44-52, 26:16-18; Revelation 14:6-7

As you read, some questions to think about and respond to are:

What is God's plan for being known by and reconciled to all people?
How do you, practically, fit into that plan?

Are you so moved by who God is that you share Him? If yes, how? If no, what does that indicate about your heart's affections? How can you grow in your love toward Him?

TO MEMORIZE: ROMANS 10:14-15
