

Go – Living Sent

Romans 10:11-17

“We pursue being a disciple making family: surrendered to Jesus, transformed by the gospel, and saturated in His word.”

After studying the book of Galatians, we see that we are justified by grace, through faith, in the finished work of Christ. This amazing gift of grace should lead us to respond in several ways and will fulfill the purpose of the church. We will respond in awe and worship with love for the Lord, we will love others with grace and mercy from the love and mercy shown to us, and we will share the “good news” of this grace with those who are lost. Here at Heritage, we believe our mission as a church is to Love God, Love People, and to Tell the World about this good news. Paul made a strong statement by saying, “Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.” People must hear the gospel in order to have faith. This leads us to the importance of sharing the gospel.

1. Paul wrote in v. 13, “For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” What are the implications of this verse? What are people saved from? What are they saved to? What happens to those who are not saved? Do we really believe this?
2. The context for this passage is clearly talking about the Jewish people and their need to hear and their clear rejection of the good news. However, this text can easily be applied to us as well. Israel believed God’s promise was just for them but this promise of blessing was to be given through them to all people. Paul is writing this so we don’t make the same mistake. Salvation is not just about you. We are to be vessels of mercy to take to other people. Israel and Abraham’s blessing were to be vessels of mercy. The people of Israel neglected this. How do we today neglect to be vessels of mercy to those in need of the gospel? Why do we struggle with this aspect of God’s mission so much? What substitutes do we use instead of sharing the gospel? How might we be more faithful in sharing?
3. God has designed it to where no one comes to faith apart from hearing the gospel. How would you tell someone what the gospel is? How would you explain the gospel? Share who the “vessel of mercy” was that shared the good news of the gospel with you (i.e. parent, youth camp, teacher, coach, gospel tract, friend, grandmother, pastor, book, etc.). What was your initial response?
4. Paul said, “how beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news.” Understanding the biblical purpose of the church, it is easy to get out of balance and become a people that “worships,” or gathers to sing and hears a message we like and neglect the call to “go.” Same thing for loving others. It is easy to gather with people we like for “community groups” that we enjoy and neglect the command to “go.” How have you seen this play out in your life and the life of the

church? We may do a “project” every now and then, but we are missing the heart of the commission by Jesus to go. How have we justified our lack of “preaching the good news?”

5. In order to be saved one must call on the name of the Lord. What does this mean? How does one actually do this? What are the steps Paul encourages believers to take in order for someone to call on the name of the Lord and be saved? What is “successful evangelism?” How do we confuse this today?