

SUNDAY GUIDE FOR ROMANS 10
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-Start by reading **Psalms 25**.

-Pray together. Ask that the Lord would reveal Himself to you through His word today. Ask that the Lord would be in your discussions and guiding you all to better be equipped for every good work. (**2 Tim 3:17**)

-Read **Deuteronomy 30:11-20** and **Genesis 15:1-6** together. Share your observations about these texts.

-Watch the short video message from Pastoral resident Elijah Thomas titled "Romans 10 Intro."

-Read **Romans 10** together - use the following notes to help navigate this passage

- If you have elementary students WATCH THE VIDEO from Pastor Curt!
- If you have preschool students WATCH THE VIDEO from Kiki Omoto!

1. Read verse 1-4

Note: Paul, speaking of the Jewish community says they want to know God, but they are pursuing a relationship with God incorrectly. They think by following all the laws and rules they will know God, but the true way to know God is by knowing Jesus. It's faith in Jesus that gives us a right standing before God, not working hard on obeying rules.

- **Questions** - We know we are made righteous by faith in Jesus, but what role does obedience to God's "law" play in our lives? What are our motives to obeying God's revealed moral will for our lives?

2. Read verse 5-13

Note: Paul is explaining that it has been God's plan all along for salvation to come by faith in the Messiah. There are a few key things that Paul notes about this righteousness in Jesus

1. This righteousness is not found by elevated thinking
2. It cannot be found by digging deep into history or philosophy
3. This righteousness is found by confessing Jesus with your mouth and believing in your heart that Jesus is the son of God

The simplicity of this Gospel truth cannot be overstated. Jesus is stretching out His hand to all of humanity, every person in creation and is saying that all you have to do is confess and believe in Him. There are no works needed, nor is salvation given by simply being born into the right family or tribe. This salvation is offered

freely. This is one of the most freeing truths of the Gospel and it sets Christianity apart from every religion in the world.

- **Question** - Do you ever slip into trying to be right before God by your own works? If so, how does this truth of salvation by faith effect you?

3. Read verses 14-21

Paul says that faith comes through hearing; these verses bring us back to the importance of sharing this good news of salvation and our need for Jesus. If we who believe in Jesus are silent, then how will people know about Him? Paul is also urging the Christian community to commit to sending and being sent for the *sole* purpose of sharing this news.

In the last few verses of the chapter, Paul explains how the Jewish people were given chances to choose Jesus, but they chose another way. This is a reminder for us to soften our hearts when we feel the promptings of God in our lives. For the Jews, God's leading and prompting was contrary to what they had known in the past. For us today, it can be hard to trust God when we don't understand what He is doing, but He has proven that He always knows what is best for us.

- **Question** - What are ways in your life that you can bring good news to those around you? Are there times when you feel God's prompting, what is your natural response?

Pray- Ask that God would guide you in your response to Romans 10. Ask that God would continue to give wisdom to our government and leaders during this time of crisis.