

**“Except They Be Sent!”
Romans 10:1-15**

Paul’s burden for Israel expressed in Romans 10 shows us that they, like all who reject Christ, are without excuse. This passage also challenges us to share the gospel message and to send and support vocational missionaries. In Romans 10, Paul shows us. . .

The Missionary’s Burden (1-5)

- For His Own **People** (1)
- For Those Trusting in **Religion** (2-5)

The Missionary’s Message (6-13)

- **An Available** Message (6-8)
- **A Simple** Message (9-13)

The Missionary’s Opportunity (14-15)

- **To Preach** to the Lost (14)
- **To Be Sent** by the Brethren (15)

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Small Group Discussion Guide

Icebreaker: Israel was sincere, but pursued salvation the wrong way. Share about a time you thought you were traveling in the right direction, but then realized it was the wrong way.

Discussion Questions

1. Consider Rom 10:2-4. What is the difference between religion and biblical Christianity? What does religious righteousness look like in someone’s life compared to true righteousness?
2. What was your “religious” background/practices prior to coming to **faith in Christ alone** for salvation? How did you come to realize your need for salvation by faith rather than works?
3. Explain Rom 10:9-10 in your own words. How do the other “Romans Road” verses help explain the gospel - Rom 3:23; 6:23; & 5:8?
4. Why are each of the questions Paul asks in Rom 10:14-15 Important? (consider each question, one at a time)
5. Rom 10:1 (along with 9:1-3) shows Paul’s strong emotional burden for Israel. Whose salvation are you burdened for? *“My heart’s desire and prayer to God for _____ is that they may be saved!”*

Small Group/Family Prayer Time

Include prayers for: 1) Someone you can invite to the harvest dinner; 2) Our missionary requests from Day of Prayer; and 3) Israel.

Digging Deeper

1. Compare the use of Deut 30:11-14 in its original context (vv.1-14) with Paul’s use of these verses in Rom 10:6-8. What did it mean to Israel in Deuteronomy, and how did Paul develop it in Rom 10?
2. Rom 10:12 declares “no distinction between Jew and Gentile” for salvation. Note the other times Paul compares Jew and Gentile and jot down what each one teaches. Rom 1:16; 2:9-10; 3:9, 22-23, 29-30; 9:23-24 and 15:12. See also Gal 3:26-29; Eph 2:11-13 and 3:6-8.