

A RIGHT STANDING BEFORE GOD DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

ROMANS 10:1-13

As you reflect on this last week remembering Christ's passion and celebrating His resurrection, what have been some meaningful meditations have encouraged or challenged you?

1 According to Romans 10:9-10, how can a person be saved?

⚙️ *Why do you think it is essential to believe that God raised Jesus from the dead? (Romans 10:9)*

📖 *Why is this Easter truth so important? (See also 1 Corinthians 15:14, 1 Peter 1:3, 1 Thessalonians 4:14)*

2 **Discuss Paul's attitude toward those who are not saved in Romans 10:1.** What example does this set for us and what applications do you see for your own life and relationships with those who don't know Christ?

3 **Paul says that a person can have passion for God and a righteous life (vs 2–3), but still be unsaved.** How is it possible to have a passion for the things of God, but not really "know" God? What might that look like? See also Matthew 7:21-23, Isaiah 29:13, 2 Timothy 3:5, John 5:39-40, James 2:19.

⚙️ *Think of your own life. Are you naturally someone who needs to add zeal to your knowledge or knowledge to your zeal?*

♥️ *What are some practical steps you could take to ensure your zeal for God is accompanied by knowledge?*

4 **From Romans 10:5-8, how would you explain the difference between “righteousness by the law” and “righteousness by faith?”**

♥ *When in your life do you find yourself most tempted to establish a “righteousness by the law”?*

♥ *Revel together in the “righteousness by faith.” How is it so much better than the alternative? (Galatians 5:1, Romans 8:1-4, 2 Corinthians 3:18, John 15:15, Ephesians 2:10, Romans 3:21–26)*

5 **It can be tempting to make excuses and concessions for “good people” who have rejected the gospel.** Consider how Paul talks about his own people in Romans 10. How is that a challenge to you when consider those who reject the gospel?

🗨 *What differences are there between a person coming to God on the basis of their performance versus someone coming to him by faith in Christ? (Matthew 23:27-28, Luke 18:9-14, Romans 9:31-32, Philippians 3:4-6, Mark 7:6-9, Galatians 3:1-3)*

6 **Claiming to believe while refusing to confess it is like claiming there’s a fire without light or heat.** Read Matthew 10:32, Matthew 28:19-20, James 2:17, John 20:28, Matthew 16:16 and discuss why Paul stresses both belief and confession.

🗨 *Have you ever confessed Jesus as Lord and believed on his death, burial, and resurrection? Take time to share how that happened with your group.*