

sermon study guide

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Global Ministries: Being Sent by Staying Put
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IN - PURSUE RELATIONSHIP

1. When was the first time you heard about the Gospel of Jesus?
2. Describe the kind of groups you are involved in outside of church and community group.

UP - PURSUE GOD

Read Romans 10:9-15

3. Verses 9-13 list a number of encouragements. What are they? How does this help us go proclaim the gospel without being intimidated?
4. Jesus calls us to “go and make disciples of all nations.” In Romans 10:14-15, Paul gives us a list of questions. Where do they lead? Discuss how they apply to where we are living and working today.

OUT - PURSUE MISSION

5. It may be intimidating to speak of Jesus but what is the cost of not sharing Jesus with others? What are some simple and practical things you can do to live out the gospel?
6. One of the video’s talked about being released during this time of restriction. What are some ways you have been released? How can we use this time to creatively share the gospel?

For Personal Reflection/Prayer:

The passage Romans 10:15 says “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” Take some time to consider how your feet could be the beautiful ones and then get those feet moving.

Consider going online and filling out the personal mission Plan and then consider/pray about it and act. cschurch.ca/missionplan

THE WORD (NIV)

Romans 10:9-15

⁹ If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. ¹¹ As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³ for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

¹⁴ How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵ And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

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Romans 10:9-15

At Centre Street Church, we want to engage you in our mission to impact the world, praying God will give you a vision of how you can help us reach the world for Jesus. Pastor Henry's message of the parable of the bags of gold tells the story of a man who gave some treasure to trusted employees. Two invested it profitably, while one buried it because he was afraid. Centre Street Church asks two questions: "What is God saying to you? What are you going to do about it?" Through Pastor Henry's sermon, clearly God is saying that he has given us treasure to invest in his kingdom. Knowing this, we must now take steps to do something about it.

Romans 10:9-15 focuses our attention to this task. The first part of this passage is familiar and meaningful. Declaring Jesus is Lord, and believing that God raised him from the dead, we will find an eternal relationship with him. As a church, we exist to introduce people to Jesus. God places us in our neighbourhoods and work with people in mind to introduce them to Jesus and become fully devoted followers of Christ.

Still, sometimes we slowly stop reaching out to our neighbors; bringing them instead to other events, or highly-trained clergy. But in this shut-down, even the best trained workers simply reach their neighbors with practical helps and the gospel of hope that Jesus offers. Remember, God created you to be who you are, placed you where you are, and gave you great treasures to live out the gospel, so others can see and hear the gospel.

1. **Ministry is not for specialists, it's for you.** We can be intimidated by ministering to others. Scripture is clear that God has created us to share his love with others; Jesus died for us exactly as we are. Though we may feel restricted, we have been released into a world that needs the hope we experienced.
2. **The mission field is where you already are.** God has also placed us exactly where we are for a purpose. Our work is not only for people, but for the Lord.
3. **You need to know you have everything you need in what God has given you.** God has given everyone treasure, and perfected us for the planned, even hard work. We are the treasure that God wants to invest in the lives of others, for His glory.
4. **We must live out the gospel for people to see it.** St. Francis of Assisi said, "Preach the Gospel at all times. When necessary, use words", reminding us to keep the gospel in our every-day lives. Belief in Jesus must make our lives so different that others can see it. The world might not read the Bible, but it reads its Christians.
5. **We must live out the gospel so that people can hear it.** Words are necessary and Jesus' name is essential. We must be seen and heard so that everyone might hear Jesus' name; including a growing immigrant population that may never have heard His name.
6. **Sending** Paul asks, how will the world know the name of Jesus and become believers, if we are not sent, today. Jesus is in every area of our lives; the challenge is to give everything in our life over to him.