

1. The context of Romans 10 is the previous chapter 9 where Paul explains that the ultimate cause of anyone believing is God's merciful power and sovereign election or choice to do so. Apart from this, none would believe. Have you ever felt it doesn't really matter if you witness because ultimately God is in control and will save people without me? Why do you think you felt this way?
2. In light of this, what erroneous views could Christians have about the need to evangelize? Read Romans 10:14-17. How do Paul's questions refute wrong views of the need for evangelism?
3. In 10:14 What does Paul say is necessary for a person to believe? In the context in 10:9 what message is he talking about? What do the following verses tell us was preached?
 - a. 2 Corinthians 4:5; 1 Corinthians 1:23; Acts 2:32,36; 4:12
4. Believing is impossible apart from hearing the gospel preached. What does 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 reveal about the effects of preaching the gospel? What does 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 tell us about this preaching?
5. Romans 10:14 says no one will hear and believe the message apart from a preacher. The Greek word 'preacher' referred to a herald of the King. One who was commissioned to bring the king's message to his subjects. He was not to alter the king's message but proclaim accurately and with the king's heart. God's means of getting His gospel heard is His commission of 'heralds.' What do the following verses tell us about WHO we are to speak the gospel to?
 - a. Matthew 28:18-20
 - b. Luke 24:46-47
6. What do the following verses tell us about our motive and manner of speaking to others about Christ and why? Why would each characteristic in these verses be important in witnessing? How do these verses encourage you to be a 'herald'?
 - a. 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
 - b. 1 Thessalonians 2:2-8
 - c. 1 Peter 3:15-16
7. What is the cause of preachers preaching in Romans 10:15? This indicates that God's people tell others the gospel when they realize they are "sent" or commissioned by God to do so. What do we learn about this in Acts 1:8? Why would God want us to know we are "sent" to witness? What difference does it make knowing this?
8. There is another sense in which 'heralds' are sent. It is through being sent out by Churches. What does Acts 13:1-5 reveal about this?
9. Romans 10:15 reveals the necessity of answering God's call to be his herald, both individually and corporately as a church. Churches must pursue sending and supporting those sent to the nations to spread the gospel. According to Revelation 5:9-10 and Matthew 24:14, what will the Lord do through His people's missions work?
10. According to Acts 4:21,23-24,29-31 what did the early church do when they were threatened and tempted to not to herald the message of the king? What did Jesus say to Paul when he was afraid in Acts 18:9-10? Are you fearful to witness? Why? How could you pray?