

Going Deeper

In Romans 10, Paul reflects on why the Jews are failing to believe the message about Jesus. Yet, he himself is a Jew who has believed. In this passage from another of his letters he reflects on his previous life as a Jew and what has changed for him now he is a Christian?

Read Philippians 3:1-10

5. 'The mutilators of the flesh' are those who were encouraging people to be circumcised and to follow all the Jewish rules and regulations to ensure salvation. How does Paul say Christians are different to these people?

6. What could Paul boast about as a Jew? How impressive would all this have been to other Jews at the time?

7. What did Paul's religious zeal lead him to do? What kind of religious zeal leads to aggressive or bullying behaviour? How is a passionate Christian different?

8. Why did the things Paul used to boast about now seem like rubbish to him?

9. What kind of righteousness does Paul now want and how was it different to the righteousness he used to have?

Now do the applying it to our lives questions...

GROWTH TEAMS



**Week Beginning
Sunday 12th May 2019**

Growth Team News

This week we are back to Romans. In chapter 10, Paul is considering why it is that the Jews have failed to believe in the Good News about Jesus Christ.

Join with others to explore today's sermon in more depth, build stronger Christian relationships and support one another in prayer. Why not join a Growth Team?

**Growing in Christ
to glorify God
and enjoy Him forever**



Our Call

Romans 9:30-10:11 (page 1136-7)

Space to take notes on the talk

Three _____ to salvation:

1. _____ Salvation

2. _____ Jesus _____

3. _____ to hear

Getting to know each other:

- ❖ When have you ever tried to do something yourself, but then wished you had asked for more expert help?

Responding to the talk

1. How would you summarise this Sunday's talk in one sentence?
2. Read 9:30-10:4
 - a. What is the wrong way to achieve 'righteousness'ⁱ and what is the correct way according to these verses? (cf. 3:20-24)
 - b. What does Paul long will happen? (cf. 9:1-5)
 - c. What is the relationship between Christ and the Law? (cf. Matthew 5:17-20)
3. Read 10:5-13
 - a. Why is the gospel message 'near us'?
 - b. What do these verses teach us about Jesus Christ?
 - c. How do these verses give us a deeper understanding of what real faith looks like?
4. Read 10:14-21
 - a. What are the necessary steps in the chain of someone coming to believe?
 - b. What is our responsibility as the church in this chain?
 - c. Why do so many not end up believing?

You may like to do the 'Going Deeper' questions over the page.

Applying it to our lives

10. What aspects of our individual and church lives need to change to ensure we are fulfilling God's mission to bring the message of Christ 'to the ends of the world'?
11. How do we feel when we have helped someone to hear the good news about Jesus, but they have not believed? What encouragements to continue with the task can we gain from this passage?

ⁱ Righteousness: A right standing with God that means we are no longer under his wrath, but welcomed into his family.