

## Accomplish Something Great February 10, 2019

(Romans 10:13-17)

<sup>13</sup> For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." <sup>14</sup> 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? <sup>15</sup> And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" <sup>16</sup> But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" <sup>17</sup> Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.

- 1. **Icebreaker:** Share one great thing that you've accomplished in your life. Why is it so meaningful for you?
- 2. **Discuss:** According to a recent study, 47% of practicing Christian Millennials believe that doing Evangelism (sharing your faith with others) is wrong. Why do you think that's a prevalent thought in today's society?
- 3. Evaluate this quote from magician and prominent Atheist, Penn Jillette: "I don't respect people who don't proselytize. If you believe there is a heaven and hell, and people could be going to hell or not getting eternal life, and you think it's not really worth telling them this because it would make it socially awkward? How much do you have to hate someone to believe everlasting life is possible and not tell them that?"

  How are this atheist's thoughts on Evangelism closer to God's thoughts than that 47% of Christian Millennials?

- 4. In your own words, explain the cause and effect logical progression that Paul writes in verses 13-15. Comment on how those verses help to emphasize the importance/necessity of Evangelism.
- 5. Note which step in the progression Paul saves to highlight last. Why do you think Paul would put the final emphasis on that rhetorical question? How does the answer to that rhetorical question embolden us to continue sharing the gospel, even if many people will reject it, or think it's wrong to do so?
- 6. Read vs. 16 again. How does that verse shed light on the fact that doing evangelism is often a struggle, or intimidating, or disheartening for people, even if they understand the importance of it?
- 7. **Discuss:** What is the most difficult or intimidating aspect of doing Evangelism to you? Name one thing you've learned from this sermon/study that can help you get past that to be confident in sharing the Gospel with others.
- 8. Why do you think Isaiah, and then Paul (in vs. 15) highlight the beautiful "feet" of the messengers, and not their mouths, or tongues? What insight does that give us on the role we play in Evangelism? How can that help you feel less intimidated to share the gospel with others?
- 9. There are many different ways that we can do or support evangelism efforts. We can do the evangelizing ourselves, or bring someone to church or Bible study with us, or we can pray for and support financially mission efforts all over the world. How does vs. 17 show that all of these acts are impactful forms of Evangelism?
- 10. Think of who first shared Jesus with you. How has their evangelism impacted your life? Close by saying a silent prayer thanking God for using that person to accomplish great things!