

1. What's been the most difficult news you've ever had to share with someone? What made it difficult?
2. What has been the best news you've ever shared? What made it a joy to share?
3. Read Romans 10:11–13. To whom does Paul say the gospel is available? How did that challenge 1st Century Jewish thinking? How does it challenge our thinking today about those with whom the Lord calls us to share?
4. Read Romans 10:14–15. What logical progression for gospel proclamation does Paul present? Why might we be tempted to leave the preaching part to the "paid professionals?" Read Matthew 28:18–20, 2 Tim 2:2, and Eph 4:11–12. How do these passages challenge you to consider your role in evangelism?
5. Read Romans 10:17. How does Paul's statement here emphasize the urgency of sharing the gospel? What is the word of Christ? Can people be saved apart from hearing it? If not, then how can they hear it?
6. Discuss what hang ups and inhibitions you have about standing for Jesus with the gospel. Why is it sometimes easier to try to demonstrate the gospel without proclaiming it? How do you discern when is the right time to share vs demonstrate?
7. In his book *"Honest Evangelism: How to talk about Jesus even when it's tough,"* Rico Tice says,

There may not be persecution, but we're in a culture of growing hostility to Christianity. It's not just apathy we face—it's antipathy... So if you are going to talk to people about Jesus, you are going to get hurt.¹

He calls this "crossing the pain line." How do we weigh the potential for our own personal discomfort with the need that others have for hearing the gospel? Take some time to discuss strategies for how to cross the pain line of sharing the gospel, even when it's difficult.

8. Using the card that's included in the bulletin, rehearse the five plot points of the story and their key verses. Recite them to each other, by memory if possible! Make a commitment to keep the card in your Bible until you're confident you have it memorized and are able to share it.
9. Then, spend some time praying together for at least two things. Pray that each of you would have the courage to open your mouths and share as the Lord gives you opportunity. Then, pray specifically for your "one". That God would reach that person with the gospel by whatever means He deems best, including you telling the story.

*God bless you friends. Thanks for your engagement in this series.
May the world be different and may God be glorified because we were willing to share!*