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PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank you for the people who told me about Jesus. Thank you for those that taught me that I was a sinner in need of salvation, which only comes through the sacrificial death of Christ on my behalf. Thank you for all who have proclaimed the message of Christ (the incarnate, quickening, living Word of God) in my hearing. May my feet be shod with the beautiful message of peace with God by grace - through faith in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whose name I pray, Amen.

From Prayer Knowing Jesus



What is something you believed to be true when you were younger that you no longer believe? What is something that you didn't believe that you now believe?



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NOTES

WORD

¹¹ For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame."
¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³ For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

¹⁴ How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵ And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" ¹⁶ But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" ¹⁷ So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

¹⁸ But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have, for

"Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world."

ROMANS 10:11-18

Salvation from God, says Paul, comes by confessing Jesus as Lord and believing that God raised him from the dead (<u>Rom. 10:9–10</u>). In other words, salvation comes to everyone who trusts in the life-giving power of God that enriches the lives of both Jews and Gentiles who follow Jesus as Lord (see <u>Rom. 10:12–13</u>). Disobedience—whether of Gentiles or Jews—provides God with the opportunity to show the world the mercy of God toward everyone (<u>Rom. 11:33</u>). Paul's concern in this letter is to reconcile broken relationships between Jewish and Gentile followers of Jesus.

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► GUIDE QUESTIONS

(NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE)

- 1. On a scale from 1-10 (1 = none at all; 10 = strong), how would you rate your boldness to share what you believe amongst those who may hold opposing views? Why have you rated yourself this way?
- 2. When was the first time you ever heard about Jesus? Who shared about him with you?
- 3. Romans 10:15 says, "And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!'' If you are a follower of Jesus, have you been willing to tell people about God in a place where they may not know him? Why or why not? If you are not yet a follower of Jesus, how have you felt when people have talked to you about him? Were your experiences good or bad of hearing about Jesus?
- 4. Would you agree with this conclusion: If you confess with your mouth and believe in Jesus, you are saved (vs 13) SO THAT you can carry the message of Jesus to others who have not yet heard about him (vs 14-17)? Why or why not?
- 5. Romans 10:17 says, "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ." What does this mean for you in your life?
- 6. Would you like to trust in Jesus? Would you like to receive the gift of life, forever walking with God, as you enter into a saving relationship with God through Jesus? Ask your Life Group leader to lead you in prayer to receive Christ. You can pray this prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe you died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite you to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow you as my Lord and Saviour. In Jesus' name, Amen.

PRAYER