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Series: Abide: Cultivating Intimacy with Christ

Sermon Title: Hearing, Heeding, and Spreading the Gospel of Jesus

Scripture: Romans 10:8-17

Main Idea: As "faith comes through hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ," we must heed God's call to spread the Gospel of Jesus to everyone we can, everywhere we are.

OUTLINE

1. HEARING the Gospel of Jesus
 1. God's gospel pattern—two pillars of saving faith in verses 9-11):
 - Pillar 1: IF you confess with your mouth | THAT Jesus is Lord
 - Pillar 2: AND believe in your heart | THAT God raised Him from the dead
 - [THEN, *implied*] you will be saved!
 2. God's eternal promise: FOR the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame" (11).
2. HEEDING the Gospel of Jesus
 1. Heed God's call to repent and believe that salvation comes through Jesus Christ alone.
 2. Heed God's call to proclaim this great Gospel to the ends of the earth. We must give our lives to . . .
3. SPREADING the Gospel of Jesus
 1. The Gospel of Jesus is for our proclamation!
 - To call on Jesus, people must believe.
 - To believe, people must hear.
 - To hear, someone must proclaim.
 - To proclaim, someone must be sent.
 2. When we recognize the urgency of declaring the Gospel, we will be motivated to overcome any fears or hesitations in evangelism, understanding that God's working through our words can lead others to faith and life transformation.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. When did you first HEAR the Gospel? From whom? Do you remember how much they shared with you?
2. When did you HEED the Gospel?
3. As a group, skim Deuteronomy 29-30 to capture the contextual flow of what the Lord is telling His people then. Now, read Deuteronomy 30:12-14 carefully in its context and compare with how Paul imports it into Romans 10:5-7 (Pastor Matt only alluded to this in his message). Notice what Paul adds in parenthesis in verses 6-7. How does this bring Gospel clarity to Paul's hearers?
4. From verse 9, what are the two pillars of saving faith that Paul mentions?
5. What does the word "everyone" in verse 13 communicate?
6. What are two ways we are to heed to the gospel message?
7. What is the pattern, the line of reasoning, Paul uses in verses 14-15a. What is the all-important point the Apostle is leading to?
8. Why is it important that Christians SPREAD the gospel? | Do you believe it is important? And in what ways does your life evidence that it is important?
9. Who has God already placed in your circle of influence that needs to hear the Gospel? What barriers are there that keep you from sharing the Gospel with them? (PRAY with and for one another about these.) Will you prayerfully trust God and share it with them...this week?
10. Where might God be calling you to go to spread the Gospel?