

OUTLINE & QUESTIONS

REACHING OUT

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ROMANS 10:8-15

1. Since evangelism is _____, will you _____ and reach out?
2. Since evangelism is _____, will you _____ God can use your reaching to save others?
3. Since evangelism is _____, will you _____ for it?
 - A. Plan with _____
 - B. Plan to be _____
 - C. Plan to learn _____
 - D. Plan to destroy _____

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

- 1. Opening Perspective** The sermon began by asking what's "deeper" - SpongeBob or Shakespeare, Candyland or Terraforming Mars. How do you typically define what makes something "deep"?
- 2. What's Deeper?** If you are forced to choose, which you are for this question, make the case for which of these you think is the "deepest"- belonging, growing, serving, or reaching?
- 3. The Door Analogy** Using the door analogy from the sermon, which do you think requires more commitment: exploring deeper into something you already know well, or staying near the "entrance" to help newcomers? Can you think of examples from your own life where you've faced this choice?
- 4. The Romans passage** Rom 10:14-15 asks: "How can they call on someone they haven't believed in? How can they believe in someone they haven't heard of? How can they hear without someone telling them?" What's the main point of this series of questions? How did you first hear the good news of Jesus? How confident are you that your name comes up when others are asked that same question?
- 5. Saved From What?** Romans 10:9 If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." According to the sermon, people can be saved from "shame, guilt, natural consequences of sinful choices, alienation from God, and living outside God's promises. There is a heaven to be gained and a hell to be avoided." Which of these seems most relevant to people's lives today? Explain.
- 6. The Three Groups** The sermon describes three types of people: "culture warriors" (standing up and shouting), "culture conformists" (shutting up and staying silent), and "culture creators" (caring, connecting, conversing). Which group do you most naturally fit into? What are the strengths and weaknesses of each approach?
- 7. Comfort Zones** Pastor Eric suggests planning to be uncomfortable, noting that most people avoid doing things they don't think they're good at. What's something you've avoided because you felt you weren't good at it? In what ways, if any, does this affect your approach to sharing the Gospel with others?
- 8. Learning vs. Training** The sermon argues that you don't need more training to start reaching out to others - you can "learn on the job." Do you tend to over-prepare for new challenges, or do you jump in and figure it out as you go? What are the benefits and risks of each approach?
- 9. Planning for Success** Which of the four categories of planning is most applicable to you right now: planning with tools (budget/calendar), planning to be uncomfortable, planning to learn on the job, or planning to destroy excuses? What do you think would be a good next step in that regard?
- 10. Prayer Prompt** Thinking about the answers to question nine, go around the group and each person prays for the person on their left regarding their next step.