

## 1. Motivate

What's your typical response when you lose something?

## 2. Transition

Our stuff seems to get lost easily.

- Sometimes we know *people* who are lost ... spiritually lost
- God desires for all people be spiritually rescued, to hear and respond to the gospel.

## 3. Bible Study

### 3.1 Confession and Belief in Christ

Listen for what is necessary for salvation.

Romans 10:9-10 (NIV) That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

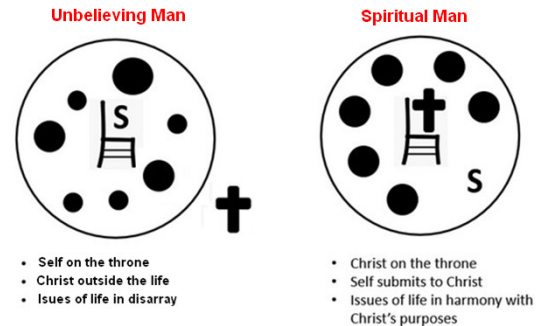
What two words did Paul use to convey being in right relationship with God through Christ?

What are the implications of confessing Jesus as Lord?

Explain why confession and believing are two parts of the same action, not two separate actions?

If you were called upon to tell what Jesus has done for you, what would you say?

Recall the Campus Crusade for Christ diagram about Jesus being Lord of your life.



Agree or disagree



Confessing "Jesus is Lord" is more important than believing in Jesus resurrection

Agree	Disagree
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- When you say those words, you mean it</li> <li>- people must declare for Jesus</li> <li>- the world will know you are now saved</li> <li>- the understanding of the resurrection comes later on, eventually</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the resurrection is key to salvation</li> <li>- trusting in a dead "savior" is no salvation</li> <li>- <u>both</u> are equally important</li> <li>- one is inner, one is outer</li> </ul>

Why do you think both are necessary?

So if someone is watching us, how would they know that we confess Jesus as Lord?

### 3.2 Not Be Ashamed

Listen for who will be saved.

Romans 10:11-13 (NIV) As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame." 12 For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile--the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, 13 for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

According to these verses, who does God desire to be saved?

If God desires everyone to be saved, then what responsibility does that place on the individual in need of salvation?

What are the implications for us that the gospel message is for all people?

How do these verses both encourage and challenge you?

Encourage	Challenge
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- God included me, my family to be saved</li> <li>- it is a simple process</li> <li>- it is a simple message</li> <li>- it is a life changing message</li> <li>- it is free to everyone</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- lots of people don't realize these Truths</li> <li>- some have never heard</li> <li>- we are called to be the communicators of this message</li> <li>- many people who have heard have not responded, have rejected</li> </ul>

Racial or ethnic distinctions make no difference to God. Why do they sometimes still make a difference to us?

How can we overcome that kind of bias?

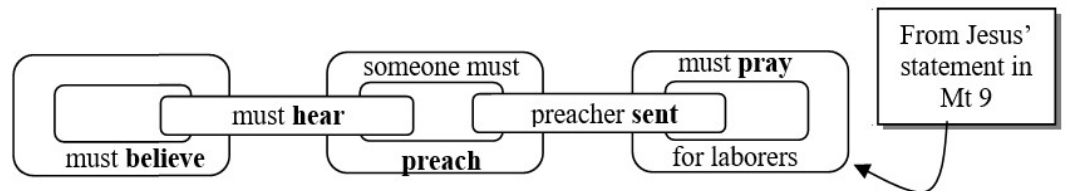
### 3.3 Share the Message of Salvation

#### Listen for links of implication.

Romans 10:14-17 (NIV) 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? 15 And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" 16 But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" 17 Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.

List the sequence of dependencies for someone to end up believing in Christ. Work your way from the end of the first sentence in verse 15 to the beginning of verse 14.

Displayed as  
a series of  
links in a  
chain ...



What were the circumstances of your coming to faith. Who do you remember being significant in communicating the gospel to you?

What factors in this passage help to develop a sense of urgency for telling others about Jesus?

How does Paul's strategy for evangelism in these verses parallel the Great Commission (note it's not the "Great Suggestion") Matthew 28:19-20?

How can you be involved in communicating the gospel in places where you cannot go?

Use the last page as a handout so your learners can take home the application points of this week's lesson.

### Application

**Write.**

- Take time this week to write out your testimony.
- Being committed to the mission of God to take the message of the gospel to those who haven't heard it must begin with a clear understanding of your own story.
- Write it down so that when you're given the opportunity you can share it with clarity.

**Share.**

- This week share the gospel with someone.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would give you an opportunity and then look for that door to open.
- When presents itself, simply share your story of how Jesus changed your life.
- Invite them to call on the name of the Lord and be saved.

**Go.**

- Pray about being part of God's mission around the world.
- For some of you that might mean giving financially to missions.
- For others that might mean actively supporting a missionary with your time, prayers, and support.
- Still others might sense the call to go yourselves.
- Pray that God will use you, and that you will have the courage to answer His call.

**Across**

- 3. how can they preach unless they are \_?\_
- 5. one they have not \_?\_ in
- 9. without someone \_?\_ to them
- 13. confess with your \_?\_
- 14. \_?\_ in your heart
- 15. call on the \_?\_ of the Lord
- 17. you will be \_?\_

**Down**

- 1. Jew and \_?\_
- 2. \_?\_ and are saved
- 4. how \_?\_ are the feet
- 6. anyone who \_?\_ in Him
- 7. all who \_?\_ on Him
- 8. never be put to \_?\_
- 10. how can they \_?\_
- 11. one they have not \_?\_
- 12. \_?\_ is Lord
- 16. with your \_?\_ you believe

