

“What Happens to Those Who Never Heard of Jesus?”

Asking for a Friend

Discussion Questions

The question for this message is: What about people who have never heard of Jesus?

- Why do you think this question is emotional for people?

Why do you think people might ask this question in a biased fashion, Like “What about the innocent native in deep dark Africa who has never heard of Jesus before? How could God hold him accountable for what he didn’t even know?”

Can you name a specific passage that addresses this question?

If the Bible does not specifically address something, *What we do know can inform what we don't know.*

- Why do we focus on what we do know first?

Read Romans 1:18-25.

- In verse 18, why is God’s wrath revealed? What did men do?
- How did God make himself known to men?
- What did people not do with their knowledge of God? (v. 21-23)

Read Romans 2:1-8.

- What is man guilty of in this passage that is different from Romans 1:18-25?
- If we are saved by grace, why does he say in verse 6 that he will render to each one according to his works?

Read Romans 3:21-26.

- What is Paul contrasting this righteousness from God with?
- What are the effects of the cross that he mentions in this passage? (justified is a legal term, redemption is a slave market term, propitiation is a term that refers to the satisfying of God’s wrath.)
- How is God both just and the justifier of those who have faith?

Read Romans 10:13-15.

- What part of this passage is about what God does and what part of this passage is about what his people do?
- Why does he talk about feet being beautiful?

So the answer to the question of the day is: we don’t know? What are some answers that people speculate are true about this question?

One point of the message was: When we focus on what we know, we don’t get an answer, but we do get direction.

- What direction is given an unbeliever?

- What direction can believers take from what we know?

APPLICATION: Discuss being “one of a thousand” with your group? Where would you want to go on foreign soil in the name of Jesus? Why?