



## **Discussion Guide**

**August 31, 2025**

**Romans 10:1–13**

<sup>1</sup> Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved. <sup>2</sup> For I can testify about them that they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge. <sup>3</sup> Since they did not know the righteousness of God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. <sup>4</sup> Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

<sup>5</sup> Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: "The person who does these things will live by them." <sup>6</sup> But the righteousness that is by faith says: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup> "or 'Who will descend into the deep?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup> But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

<sup>11</sup> As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." <sup>12</sup> For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, <sup>13</sup> for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

### **Read verses 1–4**

1. What does Paul's heart and prayer for Israel reveal about his priorities and love for his people?
2. Why does Paul say their zeal is not based on knowledge? Think about your own understanding of your relationship with God; does it lean more toward zeal or toward knowledge?
3. What does it mean that Christ is the culmination of the law?

**Read verses 5–10**

4. What is the contrast Paul draws between righteousness by the law and righteousness by faith?
5. How do verses 6–8 challenge the idea that we must do something extraordinary to reach God?
6. What is the significance of confessing with the mouth and believing in the heart? (Bonus task for overachievers: Memorize Romans 10:9-10).

**Read verses 11–13**

7. What does it mean that 'everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved'?
8. How does this passage emphasize the inclusiveness of the gospel message?
9. How might these verses impact the way we view evangelism or outreach?