



Series: Live by Faith on Mission

Title: How People Come to Jesus

Scripture: Romans 10:14-21

Nov. Scripture Memory: *14 How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? 15 And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" 16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" 17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. Romans 10:14-17*

1. God uses people as His only instrument of proclaiming the gospel. (Romans 10:14-17)
 - a. The gospel must be heard in order for people to benefit from it. (v.17, Acts 10)
If people are not sent, the good news will not be preached. If the good news is not preached, no one will hear. If no one hears, no one will believe the gospel. If no one will believe the gospel, no one will call on the Lord and be saved. Sending people to herald the gospel is essential!
 - b. There are people who will respond to the gospel and God raises up His people to get the gospel to them. (vs. 15-17)
 - i. People aren't powerful. The gospel is powerful.
 - ii. The preached word of God has a strange, life giving power to it.
2. What about people who have not heard the gospel? (Romans 10:18)
 - a. God has revealed Himself generally enough to all so that all know: (Psalm 19:4)
 - i. There is a God.
 - ii. They are sinners. (Romans 3:10-12, 23)
 - b. Every person has heard about God and suppressed or rejected Him. (Romans 1:18-25)
 - c. Every person is guilty because of what they have heard and rejected. (John 3:16-21)
 - d. There is an urgent need to get the gospel to people who have yet to hear it. (Romans 1:14)

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3. What about people who hear the gospel? (Romans 10:19-21)
 - a. They will receive and believe the gospel or they will distrust and deny the gospel.
 - b. Christians are goers and senders. (Matt. 28:18-20; John 20:21)
 - i. Going and sending is a practice that flows from identity in Christ.
 - c. Christians can be disobedient and deny their identity in Christ. (Titus 3:3)
 - i. Sitting and stewing is a practice that flows from denying identity in Christ.

Practical Steps for Parkway:

- 1) Pray that people will lay their “yes” before God (Luke 10:2; Matt. 9:38)
- 2) Give so that others may go
- 3) Live sent to the people in your spaces
- 4) Go short-term (Tithe your year)
- 5) Cross a boundary (Geographical & cultural)