

8-9-15 (MESSAGE)
ARE YOU A WORKING LIGHTHOUSE?
Romans 10:14-17

An Indiscriminating Lighthouse? (14)

● Each question of verse 14 begins, “How will they...”

1. Who are “they”?
 - a. This verse is grammatically connected to verse 13 by the word t_____.
 - b. Therefore, “they” refers to the “w_____’s” that call on the name of the Lord.
2. How can the “whoever’s” c_____ on Jesus, believe in Jesus, and h_____ about Jesus?

● We must be focused on “whomever” in sharing Christ (shining the light so that they see the way to Christ!)

1. Have you shut off your light to a person because you thought sharing would do no good? – Let God d_____ whom to save, not you!
2. Have you shut off your light to a person because you have placed more importance on the temporary (what you are doing) than the eternal (what they need – Christ)?

An Informing Lighthouse? (14,17)

● Three questions to answer:

1. How will they call on the Lord, if they have not b_____ in Him?
 - a. Answer –
 - b. Reasoning – calling on Christ is a cry of f_____
2. How will they believe in the Lord, if they have not h_____ about Him?
 - a. Answer –
 - b. Reasoning – v. 16 faith comes by h_____ the word or message about Christ.
 - 1) This means that all people who die without hearing about Christ, will not be saved but j_____
 - 2) Many people object to this because it seems unfair – who are we to judge God’s word?
3. How will they hear about the Lord without a preacher?
 - a. Answer –
 - 1) The word translated “preacher” does not refer just to the pastor, missionary, and evangelist.
 - 2) The word translated “preacher” simply means one who t_____ (see Mk 1:44 where this word is used of the healed man telling people that Jesus healed him)
 - 3) Every Christian is commanded by Christ to tell about Him (Matt 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; 1Pet 2:9)
 - b. What are ways to inform others about Christ?
 - 1) Our church _____
 - 2) Eternal life t_____
 - 3) The B_____

● A simple witnessing outline

1. Who is Jesus? – He is G_____ in the flesh (Jn 1:1,14; Rom 10:9)
2. What did Jesus do? – He purposely d_____ for sins (Matt 20:28; 26:28) and proved it by rising from the d_____ in spite of the efforts to keep Him in the grave (Matt 27:67-end of book)
3. How should one respond? – Trust in Jesus to be your God and Savior (Rom 10:9-13; Jn 20:28,29)

An Interdependent Lighthouse? (15)

●The final question: *How can they preach if they are not sent?*

1. Who is the sender?
 - a. Paul quotes Is 52:7 stating that the f_____ of those who bring good news are beautiful.
 - b. The good news is from _____ and therefore God is the sender.
 2. The command of Matt 20:28 was NOT meant to be applied by each believer independently of othersf but in c_____ with each other.
 3. Acts 13:2 is an example of God s_____ Paul and Barnabas and the cooperation of all believers in the church of Antioch in s_____ that.
- How are you personally interconnected with other lighthouses in doing God's work? (see enclosed illustration)

Conclusion:

*Let us be doers of the word and not hearers
only who delude themselves- Jms 1:22*

Fill in the following in regards to yourself as a working lighthouse

Indiscriminating (mark all that is true for you)

- I tend to steer clear of talking with certain people (e.g. Jehov. Witness)
- I will work to share with whomever, whenever there is opportunity

Informing (mark all that is true for you)

- I have a fear of telling others about Christ
- I want to obey God rather than any fear
- I will work on remembering the focus of informing (who Christ is, what He did, and one's response)

Interdependent

How does my giving reflect my financial support of God's work:

- Not supportive
- A little supportive
- Moderately supportive
- Sacrificially supportive

What will I do to align my giving with what God wants?

- Your action -