



OCTOBER 13

THE GOSPEL OF GOD

A BIGGER & DEEPER ANSWER



GETTING STARTED

This weekend, we continued the series, *The Gospel of God*, and learned from the Apostle Paul that being saved is much bigger and deeper than we often realize!

As you begin the study, reflect on this verse and what Jesus is saying about salvation.

Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."

John 3:3



STUDY QUESTIONS

1. This weekend's message was an overview of **Romans 10**. Spend some time reading through this chapter slowly, at least twice through. Be sure to highlight and circle the words and phrases that stand out to you. Write any verses in your journal that you sense the Lord asking you to memorize.
2. In his message, Dre focused on several keywords directly from **Romans 10** that answer the key question, *What does it mean to be "saved"?*

Righteousness

- a. How would you define *righteousness*? What does it mean that God is righteous? What does it mean, that because of Jesus, we are now righteous?
- b. **Romans 10:4** highlights that it's through the sacrifice of Christ on the cross, dying for our sins, that we have been restored to right standing with God. Read 1 Peter 3:18 and Ephesians 2:8. Paraphrase what each is saying.
- c. Have you ever felt that you've needed to work hard to make yourself "right" before God or earn your salvation? Explain.

Near

- a. **Romans 10:8**. If you are a believer in Jesus, how did God's Word, a friend's testimony, or a worship song declaring God's truth impact your decision to embrace faith in Christ? Explain.
- b. Looking back on your salvation story, what evidence do you see for the nearness of God's truth and His presence during that time of your life?

Lord

- a. **Romans 10:9.** Calling Jesus *Lord* is a call to fully surrender to Him in every area of our lives (e.g., singleness, marriage, work, finances, sexuality, health, parenting). What is one area of your life that has been (or is) a challenge to surrender to the authority of Jesus? Why?
- b. What is some fruit you've seen from a specific area of your life that you have surrendered to Jesus' authority?

Believe/Heart

- a. **Romans 10:4-10.** Read these verses again in *The Message* translation of the Bible. Based on this passage, what is required of us to be saved?
- b. Do you ever have doubts that you are saved? If so, why? If not, why not?
- c. How does the truth in these verses encourage you and strengthen your faith?
- d. Dre shared that belief is meant to be lived out daily, beyond our weekend services. What habits have you formed or are forming that lead you to experience Christ in your life daily?

Everyone

- a. **Romans 10:11-13.** Paul makes it clear that no matter the nationality, race, gender, or socio-economic status, *everyone* can be saved.
- b. Is there someone you know who would shock you if they became a Christian? Why?

Preach

- a. **Romans 10:14-15.** Also read Matthew 28:18-20. Based upon these verses, who are we called to minister to?
- b. Who did God send after you that helped you come to faith in the Lord?
- c. Who might God be sending you after to share the hope of Jesus? What would it look like to minister to that person today?

3. Reread the keywords we covered and invite the Holy Spirit to speak into your life. Then answer the following questions:

- a. Which word resonates the most with you in your current season? Why?
- b. Which word represents an area of growth for this next season? Why?

4. This weekend's message asked you to reflect on the question, *Who Are You Trusting For Your Salvation?* Spend some time contemplating, praying, and responding to this question. You might even use these words of David as your prayer.

Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. **Psalms 139:23-24**

5. Finally, Dre ended the message by speaking to three types of people: Those *not yet saved*, those who have *forgotten*, and those who are walking in *salvation's* depth.

- a. Which of the three groups do you relate to and why?