

Salvation is Near

Small Group Notes – Romans 10:1-13



Warm Up

“When I was younger, one thing I really tried to earn was _____.”



Know It

The Tragedy of Self-Righteousness

Read Romans 10:1–4 and Romans 9:31–32.

Discuss:

1. What good things did Israel have (religion, zeal, effort), and what were they missing?
2. In your own words, what is the difference between “their own righteousness” and “God’s righteousness”?
3. What are some modern ways church people can try to “establish their own righteousness”?

Read 2 Peter 3:9 and Matthew 23:37

4. Where do you personally feel tempted to base your standing with God on what you do instead of what Christ has done?
5. What do these verses show about God’s heart toward people who resist Him?
6. How does God’s patience and desire to save make the tragedy of self-righteousness even more serious?

A Wide-Open Invitation

Read Romans 10:9–13 slowly.

Discuss:

1. According to verses 9–10, what does it mean to “confess with your mouth” and “believe in your heart”? How do those go together in real life?
2. Verse 11 says, “Everyone who believes on him will not be put to shame.” What fears or excuses does that promise answer for you?
3. Verses 12–13 say there is “no distinction” and that “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” Who is included in that “everyone”?
4. How do these verses encourage you that:
 - Christ’s death is enough for any person who will come to Him.
 - Every person really can respond to God’s call in the gospel.
 - God’s Word itself is powerful to bring people to faith.



Live It

On your own or in pairs, reflect:

1. Is there any area where you are clinging to your own goodness instead of trusting Christ alone? What would it look like to “submit to God’s righteousness” this week?
2. Who is one person in your life who needs to hear this wide-open invitation? How can you share it with them in the next few days?



Prayer

Close by praying for one another:

- Thank God for His patience and mercy.
- Ask Him to free you from self-righteousness and deepen your trust in Christ.
- Pray for boldness to share the gospel with the person you named.