

The Lifeline of God

Romans 10:11–17 (NLT)

As the Scriptures tell us, “Anyone who trusts in [Jesus Christ] will never be disgraced.” Jew and Gentile are the same in this respect. They have the same Lord, who gives generously to all who call on him. For “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, “How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!”

But not everyone welcomes the Good News, for Isaiah the prophet said, “Lord, who has believed our message?” So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ.

Sent → Tell → Hear → Believe → Respond

1. Being sent means seeing our circles of influence from a kingdom opportunity perspective.

Romans 2:1-4 NLT

You may think you can condemn such people, but you are just as bad, and you have no excuse! When you say they are wicked and should be punished, you are condemning yourself, for you who judge others do these very same things. And we know that God, in his justice, will punish anyone who does such things. Since you judge others for doing these things, why do you think you can avoid God's judgment when you do the same things? Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?

2. We have to leave the “Hearing → Believing → Responding” to God. However, we cannot abdicate our responsibilities to GO and TELL.

Small Group Guide: The Lifeline of God

Opening Question:

When you hear the words “you are sent to share the Gospel,” what thoughts or emotions come up for you?

Living as Sent Messengers of Jesus Christ

Romans 10:11-17 reminds us that everyone who calls on Jesus will be saved, but they can only call if they hear about Him, believe, and respond. The truth is, **being sent** doesn't necessarily mean packing up and leaving our daily routines. For most of us, it's about shifting our perspective—moving from a Moralism view to a Kingdom view.

Instead of seeing our workplace solely as a place to earn a paycheck, we recognize it as a mission field—an opportunity to share Jesus' love through our actions and words. Instead of joining the PTA just to support our kids, we consider it a chance to extend kindness and establish relationships with other parents. Instead of avoiding “the world,” we actively seek opportunities to engage with those who are lost, hurting, or far from God.

Being sent means looking at our circles of influence—our coworkers, neighbors, friends, and family—with a Kingdom perspective. These are people God wants a relationship with.

The word “tell” in Scripture—particularly in the Great Commission—literally means to “preach,” to make the Good News known boldly and publicly. But understanding *how* to tell the good news is rooted in its purpose: so that others can “hear” —really hear—the love, hope, and life that Jesus offers.

The most effective “telling” is in how we live out kindness and patience day-to-day. People want to hear words of hope, encouragement, and life, especially when it's authentic. Sometimes, it takes time for someone to be ready to hear about Jesus. As we stay consistent and sincere—making deposits of love and truth—they gradually become open to hearing the love of God expressed through our lives.

Remember, sharing the Gospel isn't about being weird or pushy. It's about living from a Kingdom mindset—seeing your work, your community, and your relationships as divine opportunities to demonstrate Christ's love.

For Discussion

1. What are some ways you currently see your daily environments—work, neighborhood, family—as areas where God wants to use you to share His love?
2. How might shifting from a Moralism perspective to a Kingdom perspective change the way you approach your routines and relationships?
3. Are there situations where you tend to avoid “engaging with the world”? How could you see those opportunities differently—as divine kingdom moments?
4. When you think about sharing your faith, what concerns or hesitations arise? How does viewing yourself as “sent” shift or strengthen your feelings about sharing the Good News?

Activation: Living Out a Kingdom Perspective

- Identify (and share with the group) one area of your daily life—work, family, neighborhood, or social activity—where you can begin to see an opportunity as a “Kingdom moment.”
- Pray for God to reveal specific people or situations where love and kindness can open hearts to Jesus.
- Choose at least one practical step this week, such as:
 - Offering a genuine word of encouragement or kindness to someone in your circle
 - Engaging in a meaningful conversation that shows your care and Jesus’ love
 - Inviting someone to church, to join a Journey in the Trinity app, or to a small group as a next step in hearing about Jesus
 - Offering to pray for someone’s need