

How Will They Hear?

ROMANS 10:14-21

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 We are sent to **SPEAK**; (v. 14-15)

open your mouth 1 Cor 1:21; Acts 18:9; 1 Pet 3:15; 2 Cor 4:13

go where you're sent John 20:21; John 17:18; Acts 1:8; Isa 6:8; 2 Cor 5:20

some will **BELIEVE** while others will **REFUSE**, (v. 16-19)

hear and believe Gal 3:2; Acts 16:14; 1 Thess 2:13; John 5:24; Eph 1:13; Acts 2:37

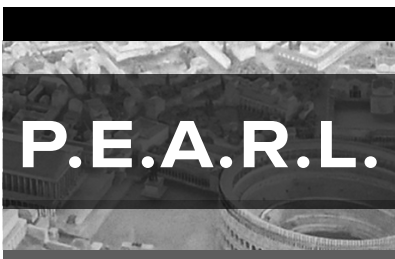
hear and refuse Matt 13:13; Heb 3:15; Acts 28:24; 2 Chr 36:16; Jer 7:13

yet God keeps **REACHING** as we keep **SPEAKING**. (v. 20-21)

 **he finds the unseeking** Luke 19:10; Rom 5:8; Eph 2:4-5; 1 John 4:10; Titus 3:5; Ezek 34:11

he waits for the stubborn 2 Pet 3:9; Rom 2:4; Ezek 33:11; Luke 15:20; Exod 34:6; Rev 3:20

We are sent to love people and invite them to follow Jesus with us.



PEARL is an acronym we use to help you share your story and God's story with those who are far from God!

PRAY for them
EAT with them
ASK questions
REVEAL your story
LOVE them tangibly



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REVEALING YOUR STORY

A big part of revealing your story and God's story is being **Ready**. We have a tool that can help you! **"The 2nd Greatest Story Ever Told"** is a resource that will help you write out and articulate *your* story. Either a **Growth Story** of how God is changing you as you follow Jesus, or your **Salvation Story** of how God brought you from spiritual death to life in Christ—your *before*, how you came to trust Jesus, and *what's changed since*.



You can download this free resource at wawaseebible.com/pearl or pick up a physical copy at the Resource Center by the Cafe.



I live each day with a sense of sentness, ready to reveal my story and God's story.

life groups Study Guide

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

What is this? — Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, & live life together. **We call them Life Groups.** The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a related part of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card or at the Connect Desk!

Welcome to Life Group!

Getting to Know You

Part of our goal at Life Group is just learning more about each other. Toward that end, take some time to catch up with one another as you gather.

If it helps, here's a question to discuss and get you going. Have everyone answer:

*Who's the first person you call or text when you have good news?
Tell us about the last time you got to be the one to deliver it.*

Digging Deeper – A Bible Study

Use this guide for further personal and group study this week. For the most impact in your life and in your group, *work through it on your own before you gather with your Life Group.* If your Life Group isn't gathering this week, use this guide for further study personally.

-  **Read Romans 10:14-21.** Looking back at your notes from this week's message, was there anything you heard for the first time or anything that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?
-  **Read Acts 8:26-35.** An Ethiopian official is reading Isaiah on a desert road. Philip asks, "*Do you understand what you are reading?*" and he answers, "*How can I, unless someone guides me?*" It's exactly what Paul was describing in Romans 10:14-15: someone is sent, someone speaks, someone hears. Why do you think God ordinarily brings people to faith through other people's words instead of doing it all himself?
 - Who spoke the gospel to you in a way you could finally understand?
-  **Read Acts 16:13-15 and 1 Thessalonians 2:13.** Paul says "*faith comes from hearing*" (**Rom 10:17**). Lydia listened to Paul by the river, and Luke says "*the Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said.*" The Thessalonians received Paul's message "*not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God.*" What do these passages show about our part and God's part when we speak and someone believes?

- How does knowing that God opens hearts change the pressure you feel when you talk about Jesus?

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At Wawasee, each of us is growing to increasingly live out these four roles as we follow Jesus together.

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Secure Son/Daughter

I live each day increasingly confident in being a loved child of God—resting in grace, not striving to achieve approval.
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Courageous Connector

I cultivate honest relationships that cross barriers and create belonging—even before belief.
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Ready Storyteller

I live each day with a sense of sentness, ready to reveal my story and God's story.
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Legacy Builder

Because of Jesus, I multiply what has been given to me by spiritually investing in others for kingdom impact.

Word Find in the Word

Find the words from a passage related to this week’s message.

Word Find: Romans 10:13-17 (NIV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

¹³ for, “**Everyone** who **calls** on the **name** of the **Lord** will be **saved**.” ¹⁴How, **then**, can they **call** on the one they have not **believed** in? And how can they **believe** in the one of whom they have not **heard**? And how can they **hear** without **someone** **preaching** to them? ¹⁵ And how can **anyone** **preach** **unless** they are **sent**? As it is **written**: “How **beautiful** are the **feet** of those who **bring good news**!” ¹⁶ But not all the **Israelites** **accepted** the **good news**. For **Isaiah** says, “**Lord**, who has **believed** our **message**?” ¹⁷ **Consequently**, **faith** **comes** from **hearing** the **message**, and the **message** is **heard** through the **word** about **Christ**.

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Read Hebrews 3:7–15 and Acts 17:32–34.

Paul says Israel heard (**Rom 10:18**) and understood (**Rom 10:19**) yet still refused. In Athens, some mocked, some wanted to hear more, and a few believed. What does it look like for a heart to harden, and what are some things you think might keep someone from believing even after they've heard clearly?

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When someone you care about has heard the gospel yet walked away, how do you keep speaking without pushing too hard or giving up?
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Read Ezekiel 34:11–16 and Romans 10:20.

God says through Isaiah that he was found by people who weren't seeking him, and through Ezekiel that he will "*search for my sheep and will seek them out.*" Why is it good news that God goes looking for people who aren't looking for him?

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Think about the road that led you to Jesus. As you look back, where do you see God reaching toward you before you were looking for him?
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Read Luke 15:11–24 and Matthew 23:37.

Paul closes with God's words in Isaiah: "*All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and contrary people*" (**Rom 10:21**). What do these pictures in Luke & Matthew show about God's heart toward people who keep saying no?

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Does that shape the way you think about people in your life who keep saying no?

Taking It Home

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Paul says someone has to be sent. Think about where God has you right now: your work, your street, your family, your team. Who's one person there who is far from God? What do they need to hear *from you* this week? What's your next step?

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As you close, take time to pray for each other.



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