

::: OPEN IN PRAYER :::

RECAP: Final week for, 'The Red Letter Series'. Focusing on the Christian ethic of "GOING". One of the greatest ways to love someone in this world is to tell them the gospel message. The good news about Jesus! And this is a calling for ALL Christians. So what is your experience in GOING? Do you know where to go? Are you prepared to do go? How are you obstructed to go? Are you excited to go?

DISCUSS: Share anything from Sunday's sermon that encouraged or challenged you.

Romans 10:13-16 "Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved." 14 **How** then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? **How** will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And **how** will they hear without a preacher? 15 **How** will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news of good things!" 16 However, they did not all heed the good news; for Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our report?"

THE TENSION: Paul, the writer here is providing something very necessary for us to consider for those who don't know Jesus. We know we have the blessing of eternal life. We want others on the outside to experience it, don't we? Then, 'HOW' do we make this happen?

What do you see to be the biggest obstacles for sharing Christ in our culture? Inside and outside of the church?

1 Peter 3:15 "But sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, **always being ready to make a defense** to everyone who asks you to **give an account for the hope** that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence."

GETTING PERSONAL: Thinking of you only, how would you describe your 'preparedness' to 'give an account' for your hope in Christ? What has hindered you? What has helped you?

Matthew 9:35-38 "35 Jesus was going through all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness. 36 Seeing the people, **He felt compassion** for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then He said to His disciples, "**The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.** 38 Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to **send out workers into His harvest.**"

THE CALLING: What's so vital to sharing the gospel is understanding what happens if you don't. Jesus had 'compassion' on those who were lost. The harvest is an 'PLENTIFUL'! An enormous group of people in our world who do not know Jesus. How does it make you feel to know that if those people die, they go to hell? The greatest pain a soul can feel. Then to add to that, that the workers of the harvest are 'FEW'. Meaning, as Christians, we've got our work cut out for us.

Take a moment to share how what Jesus felt and what Jesus said makes you think and feel. What would you say is your level of 'compassion for them'? Does it bother you that people are lost in their sin?

CLOSE IN PRAYER: As you close in prayer be encouraged to share ANYTHING you desire prayer for, as well as anything relating to today's discussion.