



ROMANS

Strong faith for life



- Our sinful condition required a **sinless person** to rescue us.

- The gospel gives us a new **purpose** in life.

He says, "You will do more than restore the people of Israel to me. I will make you a light to the Gentiles, and you will bring my salvation to the ends of the earth." Isaiah 49:6 (NLT)

9 God isn't really being slow about his promised return, even though it sometimes seems that way. But he is waiting, for the good reason that he is not willing that any should perish, and he is giving more time for sinners to repent. 2 Peter 3:9 (NIV)

- The heart of the gospel is a heart for **people**.

7 Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. Romans 15:7 (NIV)

Remember that Christ came as a servant to the Jews to show that God is true to the promises he made to their ancestors. 9 He also came so that the Gentiles might give glory to God for his mercies to them... Romans 15:8-9a (NLT)

- When we experience the love of Jesus we must **share it** with others.

18 I dare not judge how effectively he has used others, but I know this: he has used me to win the Gentiles to God. 19 I have won them by my message and by the good way I have lived before them and by the miracles done through me as signs from God—all by the Holy Spirit's power. In this way I have preached the full Gospel of Christ.... 20 But all the while my ambition has been to go still farther, preaching where the name of Christ has never yet been heard, rather than where a church has already been started by someone else. 21 I have been following the plan spoken of in the Scriptures where Isaiah says that those who have never heard the name of Christ before will see and understand. Romans 15:18-21 (TLB)

When we experience the Gospel:

- Our gratitude to God compels us to **participate** with God.

And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them... 2 Corinthians 5:18-19a (NLT)

- God's plan to use us will reflect God's **love** in us.

19 For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when **we plead, "Come back to God!"** 2 Corinthians 5:18-20 (NLT)

- We give the lost a greater place in our **heart**.

For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost." Luke 19:10 (NLT)

- We will be **witnesses** to the world.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere--in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8 (NLT)

The heart of the Gospel:

Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages of that area, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. He said to his disciples, "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields." Matthew 9:35-38 (NLT)

- The Great Commission requires great **compassion**.

- Great Compassion requires great **courage**.

- Great courage requires us to **pray**.

19 Pray for me, too, and ask God to give me the right words as I boldly tell others about the Lord and as I explain to them that his salvation is for the Gentiles too. 20 I am in chains now for preaching this message from God. But pray that I will keep on speaking out boldly for him even here in prison, as I should. Ephesians 6:19-20 (TLB)



TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain why?
- Do you feel that as a believer you have a different purpose in life than those that don't know Jesus? What is your purpose?
- What does it mean that "The heart of the gospel is a heart for people"? What does it mean that we have a heart for people?
- How does our gratitude to God compel us to participate with God?
- Why does God's purpose for us require God's love in us?
- What kind of priority should the lost be in our lives?
- What does it mean to be a witness of the gospel to the world?
- What does great compassion look like to you?
- Why do we need courage for our compassion?
- Why does courage require prayer?
- Who is one person God has in your life to share the gospel with?

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