



Sermon Discussion Questions

"How to Have Beautiful Feet"

Romans 10
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Opening:

When you were a child, what did you do (if anything) to earn your allowances or privileges?

What were some of the strict rules observed in your home when you were growing up?

Group Interaction: [The following content is meant to supplement the sermon, to offer further points of interaction with the sermon texts. Also, feel free to facilitate your own discussion regarding the sermon or texts.]

1. What would you say is the general view in the world today about how a person can "get to heaven"?
2. What hope does Paul have for the Israelites in the first verse of Chapter 10?
3. In what characteristic way did Jews seek to be right with God (see previous chapter 9, v 32)? What was the basic problem in this approach (see 3:20; 7:7-11)?
4. According to verses 9-10, how is one saved?
5. How would the attitude of a person coming to God on the basis of his or her performance (v 5) be different from that of someone coming to him by faith in Christ (vv 8-9)?
6. What does it mean to confess, "Jesus is Lord"? How does this confession tie in with belief?

Application:

7. When did you come to realize that it isn't so much what you do for God, but what he's done for you? How has this understanding informed you as to what it means to be Christian?
8. The central affirmation of the early church was "Jesus is Lord"; everyone else was saying, "Caesar is Lord." Who (or what) in our lives competes with our allegiance to Jesus Christ?

Take some time to pray together as a group. Pray, "Come Holy Spirit." Ask God to surface for you any allegiances you may have in your heart that compete with a loving relationship with him. Be in silence for some time. Ask God to hear from him. If he does reveal your request to you, pray that you can turn away from that competition in your heart. Pray the Holy Spirit will fill and renew you, so that you will know Christ again in that first place in your heart. With your loves now rightly re-ordered, go forth into your week with the confidence of the love of Christ.

*These questions were adapted from *The Serendipity Bible for Groups* (Zondervan, 1998).