

## “The Confession of Christ, Part 2”

A Study of the Book of Romans

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**Key Truth:** We call to God in faith because God has called us to faith.

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We evangelize because we believe in Christ Jesus and worship him as Lord. Because he has all authority, and has commanded his disciples to make disciples (Matthew 28:18-20), we evangelize in faith and in submission to his will. If Christ weren't worthy of our efforts, we'd never say anything. Jesus is worthy of our evangelism because he's worthy of our worship. But natural man doesn't just go looking for God. God wants us to evangelize the lost in order to call them to faith in Christ. Without our evangelism, people would not seek God. But being sent out to preach the gospel, people can hear and call on the name of the Lord.

### **DISCUSS**

Read **Romans 10:11-17** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in Part 2 of the sermon entitled “The Confession of Christ.”

### **DIG IN**

#### 1. Calling in Faith

(Romans 10:11-13)

What does it mean to call upon the name of the Lord?

Comparing verses 11 and 13, those who believe are those who call on the name of the Lord. Why is it necessary to have faith in God in order to call upon him?

In what ways does calling on the name of the Lord lead to salvation?

In what ways is calling on the name of the Lord also an element of worship for the believer?

#### 2. Evangelizing in Faith

(Romans 10:14-17)

**Read Acts 13:2-4:** How does this passage describe the act of sending? Who sends? Why?

What is the content of our preaching and why does that make a difference?

In what ways does hearing the gospel produce faith (v. 17)? Will all believe after hearing the gospel? Why or why not?

**Read Isaiah 53:1-3:** This proverb is about Jesus Christ. What does Isaiah say is the reason why the hearers would not believe what they have heard?

Why is it important that the gospel is unbelievable? How does that invest the gospel with power?

### **DO**

What lessons do you learn from these verses that you will take with you throughout the coming week?