

## “God’s Plan A”

Use this guide as a tool to help you prepare to experience spiritual transformation in a practical way. It is a flexible guide that will help you discover, own, and apply the truths of God’s Word.

### Message Summary

The book of Romans is the apostle Paul’s most systematically reasoned discourse announcing the way of salvation to all who believe in Jesus Christ. In Romans 1:16-17 he stated that the Gospel is the power of God for salvation to all who believe, to the Jew and the Greek. In other words, the Gospel is Good News to everyone who lives by faith in Jesus.

We see throughout the book of Acts God’s Plan A has always been to advance this message of hope through human instruments. Paul lays out this plan in Romans 10:13-17. He lets the reader know in verse 17 that faith comes by hearing and hearing through the word of Christ. This word, however, is spoken through human instruments, God’s servants. God sends His servants out into the world, not to just live godly lives, but to also spread this Good News and make disciples of all peoples (Matthew 28:19-20). When people hear this message of hope some will believe and then call on Jesus. God’s word promises that all those who call on Him are saved!

Periodically God raises up His special servants to send them out with this message. The promise He gives in this passage is that while not all people who hear this message turn to Christ, some however, do believe and are saved. This is not only Good News for the hearer but it’s encouraging news for the preacher. God has promised that all who hear and call on Jesus for salvation will be saved.

This past Sunday our church sent out one of her own. We sent him off to the mission field for a short-term mission trip and then following his trip he will go off to seminary to prepare for a life of vocational ministry. While this passage will encourage him to stay the course and continue to preach the Gospel even when fruit doesn’t seem to come, it will also encourage us all as we seek to live the mission to which God has called us.

As you prepare to meet with your Missional Community investigate the questions on the next page. How does this passage encourage you to live out God’s Plan A? What do you need to change in your life that will help you better serve Him? As you pray for your Missional Community ask God to show you ways to engage those around you with the Gospel so that they might hear, believe, call, and be saved!

### Message Outline

God’s “Plan A”...

1. God Sends His Servants.
2. His Servants Preach.
3. People Hear.
4. Hearers Believe.
5. Believers Call.
6. Everyone who Calls is Saved.

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### **Group Discussion**

Use the following questions to help make application of God’s Word to your Head (What God wants me to know), to your Heart (What God wants me to desire/value), and to your Hands (What God wants me to do).

In regard to Romans 10:13-17:

1. What does this passage say about God’s character?
2. What is God doing here? How does this passage fit in the overall narrative of the Bible?
3. What is God saying about me?
4. Where am I not living by faith? How do I return to faith?
5. How should I practice this in everyday life?

### **Weekly Prayer Focus**

- **Church:**
  - Pray that God would give us new believers and covenant members.
  - Pray for new relationships that will lead to Gospel conversations.
  - Pray for the elders as they lead us to accomplish the mission.
  - Pray for the Missional Communities to establish their goals and objects and begin to live them out.
- **Local:**
  - Pray for the SRB MC Group as they prepare to engage their community and build Gospel relationships through the Friday Night Beach Bonfire Outreach.
  - Pray that God would burden us with the lostness in our cities, neighborhoods, and at work.
  - Pray that God will identify 5 people you can begin to invest in and engage with the Gospel.
- **Global:**
  - Pray that God would give you a heart for the nations.
  - Pray for the upcoming trip to SEA.