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Week 30 – “Lost and Found” (Rom 10:1-13)

Review:

- In chapter 9, Paul wanted the Roman Church to know what a good and gracious God we have.
- Paul opened chapter 9 by revealing that he would trade away his own salvation if it could somehow bring his Jewish brothers & sisters to Christ.

Personal Notes & Reflections on Romans 10:1-13...

PAUL'S PASSION FOR THE JEWS TO BELIEVE (Romans 10)	
Q: Is being zealous for God enough?	A: Their zeal is not according to true knowledge of the gospel (v. 2)
Q: Are the Jews faultless because of ignorance?	A: They refuse to submit to God's righteousness by faith (v. 3)
Q: Is accurate theological confession enough?	A: They must believe in their hearts to be declared righteous (v. 9)
Q: Is God now favoring the Gentiles over the Jews?	A: No! Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved (v. 13)

The Big Idea: There are as many people in the world who are lost in religion as there are those who are lost in rebellion. Have you replaced lawlessness with legalism, thinking that doing good things for God is a requisite, rather than a result, of righteousness?

SMALL GROUP Q'S

Personal Life:

1. How have you seen the Gospel of Christ impact your life practically and personally? Or the life of someone else you personally know? Share some brief comments about those stories...

Ponderings:

2. In Romans 10, we see Paul answering a number of critical questions. Based on the chart provided in your message notes, discuss each area more deeply as a group...
 - Have you ever known someone who seems zealous for God, but doesn't seem to truly understand the Gospel? How do you minister to or relate to that person? (vs. 2)
 - Why do you think Romans teaches that the claim of "ignorance" is insufficient as an excuse for unbelief? (vs. 3)
 - Do you agree that a person can be squared away theologically and yet not really believe the Gospel in their hearts? Explain your thoughts... (vs. 9)
 - Paul is being very critical of the Jews in Romans, but he explains that this comes from an intense passion for them to understand the gospel. What are your basic beliefs about modern Jews in the world today? Are they still God's "chosen people" and if so, in what sense? (vs. 13)
3. Is there a particular culture or people group that God has given you a deep passion for? If so, how did that passion develop in your life?

Promptings:

4. In the message it was stated that WHY we serve God is as important than actually doing it, because the former is the foundation of the latter. Do you agree with this?
5. How do you return to the "joy of the Lord" as your motive during times when you feel burned-out or joyless in your Christian journey?