Home Group Notes
Week of October 4, 2026
ALIVE! Through Faith in Jesus Christ
Romans 10:1-21

Hello Friends. I hope you all are enjoying the rich community of following Jesus together. As you prepare for your time together, keep in mind that there are two parts to these notes, "Your Time" and "Group Time." The first is an opportunity for you to learn from God's Word as you read, listen, and learn. This will help you and the whole group to have an enriching time together. The second part is for when you meet to share with each other. Enjoy!

YOUR TIME OF LISTENING IN GOD'S WORD

We are continuing in chapters 9-11 that are focused on how the nation of Israel responded to Jesus Christ and His good news. The apostle, Paul, is grieved and concerned for "my people," the Jews. Many of them ignored, disbelieved, and even opposed their Messiah. Paul is answering several questions that the church in Rome and many others were asking: If God chose Israel to reveal Himself, His word, and worship to the world, did the "word of God fail?"

In chapter ten, Paul is addressing another concern regarding Israel: Have they heard the word of Christ? Did Israel understand? A brief outline might look like this:

- Paul is grieved that many Jews sought to establish their own righteousness based on the law and are therefore not saved. (1-5)
- "The righteousness of God" is based on faith in Jesus Christ and this was (and is) very accessible to them. (6-8)
- A person is "saved" (3X) if they confess that Jesus is Lord and believe that God raised Him from the dead. The believer is declared righteous and not shamed (condemned). (9-13)
- It isn't as though Israel (Jews) didn't hear the message of Christ. They did hear through preaching and through the stars (i.e. creation; see Psalm 19; Romans 1:20-21) (14-18)
- Conclusion: Though God continually 'held out His hand' to Israel, and they heard (14) and understood (19), they remained self-righteous, disobedient, and contrary to God. (19-21)

Read Romans 10 and consider these questions and suggestions:

What are some key words and thoughts from this chapter that stand out to you?

The error (sin) of the Jews was to try to "establish their own" righteousness (3). Perhaps we should ask ourselves, 'Whose righteousness am I depending on? Am I still trying to prove myself to God? Am I believing that Christ is the end of the law? What is your response?

It is sad that Israel heard and understood God's message but rejected God out of a prideful desire to establish their own righteousness (3). What do you think it means for us to "submit to God's righteousness?" How can this happen daily?

Verses 9-13 are a well-known summary of what it means to turn to God in Jesus. What is your understanding of these statements? How do we sometimes complicate and confuse this with our own 'laws?' Have you followed God's offer and are confident that you are saved?

What do we learn about the character of God through His actions toward Israel?

GROUP TIME: DISCUSSION OF APPLICATION FROM GOD'S WORD

What do you feel as you read this chapter? Does anyone or anything come to mind?

Sometimes we worry about our 'lost' family and friends. Paul's resolve (v. 1) was to pray, not worry, for the lost. What helps you pray instead of worry?

Reread verse three. What does it look like in our daily lives to "submit to God's righteousness" rather than try to "establish our own?" (3)

What does it mean to "confess that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead?" (9-13)

What do we learn about God in verse 21? (This is from Isaiah 65:2)

Worship song idea: "God is So Good" by Pat Barrett

Prayer needs

- Pray for your brother's and sister's needs and their kingdom work
- Pray for the upcoming "A Father's Legacy" movement about helping dads disciple kids
- Pray for our church family to keep reaching out with B.L.E.S.S. practices