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How can they...?
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Romans 10:5-16 (NLT) - For Moses writes that the law's way of making a person right with God requires obedience to all of its commands.⁵ But faith's way of getting right with God says, "Don't say in your heart, 'Who will go up to heaven?' (to bring Christ down to earth).⁶ And don't say, 'Who will go down to the place of the dead?' (to bring Christ back to life again)."⁷ In fact, it says,

"The message is very close at hand;
it is on your lips and in your heart."

And that message is the very message about faith that we preach:⁹ If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.¹⁰ For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved.¹¹ As the Scriptures tell us, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced."¹² Jew and Gentile¹³ are the same in this respect. They have the same Lord, who gives generously to all who call on him.¹³ For "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

¹⁴ But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?¹⁵ And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!"

¹⁶ But not everyone welcomes the Good News, for Isaiah the prophet said, "Lord, who has believed our message?"

Romans 10:20 (NLT) - 20 And later Isaiah spoke boldly for God, saying,

"I was found by people who were not looking for me.
I showed myself to those who were not asking for me."

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Study Guide

This last Sunday we talked about how God's plan is both powerful and personal. Powerful in that it is this overwhelmingly simple yet eternity changing plan that requires only faith, and personal because we are also invited in to being a part of the process by sharing with others.

When have you shared with others about who Jesus is? What has that looked like? What did you say? How did it go?

Sometimes it can seem like actually talking to someone about Jesus is too intimidating, and we can default to a kind of vague hope that they will come in to contact with it down the road some time. But we are called to do more than just hope. Take a moment to read 1 Peter 3:13-17. Peter presents the two pronged way we share out faith with others: by word and by deed. He approaches it in such a way that people will absolutely ask us because our lives will stand out, but then he also has the great line where he says *“And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it.”* Always be ready. We are supposed to be ready and willing to share our hope at any moment, so how ready do you feel?

Take a moment to each share what you would say if someone asked you, “So what is with this Jesus thing?” or “Why do you believe in God?” Treat it like a real conversation and let’s all become a little more ready together.