



Richfield Community Church
Life Group Discussion Questions
Sunday, September 25, 2011

Romans 10:5-13

What does it mean?

1. How would you summarize Paul's big idea in 10:1-4?
2. What does Paul mean by "the righteousness that is based on the law"? What is the essence of this righteousness?
3. How would you paraphrase what the "righteousness based on faith" ***does not*** say? (10:6-7)
4. Paul tells us what the "righteousness of faith" ***does say*** in 10:8. How would you paraphrase what Paul is trying to communicate by quoting Deuteronomy 30?
5. Paul tells us (10:9-10) that if we believe with our heart ***and*** confess with our mouths that Jesus is Lord we will be saved. Is Paul adding "confession" to "faith" as another requirement to our being saved? Explain.
6. What does Paul mean by "there is no distinction between Jew and Greek"? Why do you think he mentions that here? What's his point?
7. What, specifically, are the "riches" that get bestowed on all those who call on the name of the Lord?
8. What does it mean to "call" on the name of the Lord?
9. How would you summarize the big idea of 10:5-13?
10. How is 10:1-4 connected to 10:5-13?

How does it apply?

1. Why do you think Paul spends so much time distinguishing between the righteousness of faith and the righteousness of the law?
2. When did you first come to understand salvation is through faith alone and not based upon any of our own effort?
3. How has your understanding of "faith" grown in the last months? Years?
4. Are there ever times when you think you may fall into the trap of trying to please God through your own effort? What does that feel like?
5. Do you ever find it difficult to "confess" that Jesus is Lord? Why do you think?
6. In your life, how is your obedience to Jesus related to your faith?
7. What lately, has encouraged you to trust Jesus more?