



Committed to His Mission

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HOW DO YOU REACT TO LOSING SOMETHING?

The **POINT** ➔

God desires for all people to hear and respond to the gospel.

### > ROMANS 10:9-17

<sup>9</sup> If you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> One believes with the heart, resulting in righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, resulting in salvation. <sup>11</sup> For the Scripture says, **Everyone who believes on him will not be put to shame,** <sup>12</sup> since there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, because the same Lord of all richly blesses all who call on him. <sup>13</sup> For **everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.**

<sup>14</sup> How, then, can they call on him they have not believed in? And how can they believe without hearing about him? And how can they hear without a preacher?

<sup>15</sup> And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: **How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news.** <sup>16</sup> But not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, **Lord, who has believed our message?**

<sup>17</sup> So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the message about Christ.



# THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

## FACT:

On a list of the ten tallest mountains in the solar system, five are found on the surface of Mars.<sup>3</sup> Who wants to be first to climb them?



## LEVELS OF BIBLICAL LEARNING // COMMUNITY & WORLD

God values all people—born and unborn, young and old, male and female, all ethnicities, those of opposing faiths—and calls Christians to live on mission for the sake of reaching the lost across the street and around the world through prayer, giving resources, loving actions, and sharing the gospel.

Every year, thousands of people get lost or hurt in our national parks. In 2017 alone, over 4,000 search and rescue incidents were reported.<sup>1</sup> The National Park Service has trained teams and leaders to carry out these searches. But friends and loved ones naturally want to help. The reason is obvious—someone they care about is lost! Families will give whatever it takes to get their loved ones back safely, and well over three million dollars is spent each year funding these searches, but it is money well spent.

As much as we would desire to rescue a loved one who was lost on a mountain trail, God has an even greater desire to save those who are spiritually lost. It is estimated that over two-thirds of the world's population are without Christ and in need of a spiritual search and rescue.<sup>2</sup> One way we reflect our commitment to Christ is by joining in His mission to reach those who do not yet have a relationship with Him.

Rescuing those lost on the world's largest mountains is a difficult and expensive task, and it's certainly risky for those who take on the challenge. But the lives at stake are worth the cost. Joining Christ in seeing the lost saved is perhaps even more difficult and more costly—look at what it cost Jesus! But this is the very reason God has called us and saved us.

## ROMANS 10:9-10

**1** Why is confessing Jesus' lordship essential to salvation?

**2** If you were called upon to tell what Jesus has done for you, what would you say?



## ROMANS 10:11-13

**3** Why is it important to understand that the gospel is for all people?

**4** When have you struggled to want good things, particularly salvation, for someone?

**5** How will you involve yourself in the mission of God—seeing others saved?

## ROMANS 10:14-17

**6** What obstacles might keep you from sharing the gospel?

**7** Why is it necessary to verbalize our faith as a part of evangelism?

**8** Where do you see opportunities in your community to share the gospel?



*We can be committed to the mission of God only when we have the same heart for people that God has. #allinBSFL*



# LIVE IT OUT



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In what we call the Great Commission, Jesus called all His followers to carry the gospel throughout the world so that all—no matter who they are, where they're from, or what they've believed—would hear. God loves all people, and it is the responsibility of the church to make sure as many as possible are brought to faith.

## >CHRIST

Our testimony is a powerful way to help others learn about the power of Christ to change our lives.

**9** In your journal or notebook, answer the following:

- GOD
- JESUS
- HOLY SPIRIT
- BIBLE
- SALVATION
- CREATION
- CHURCH
- PEOPLE
- FAMILY

### COMMUNITY & WORLD

Describe your life before knowing Jesus.

What happened to help you understand your need for a Savior?

How has your life changed since knowing Christ?



## > COMMUNITY

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We are called not only individually, but corporately as a church to carry the gospel to the lost.

**10** This week, talk with a group of friends—perhaps your small group or even your entire student ministry—about putting together an outreach or evangelistic event focused on reaching the lost. (It doesn't have to be fancy or complicated. Simply get involved in sharing the good news and God will honor that.)

## > CULTURE

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Romans 10:17 says that “faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the message about Christ.” Our mission is to share the good news, so others would come to faith in Christ.

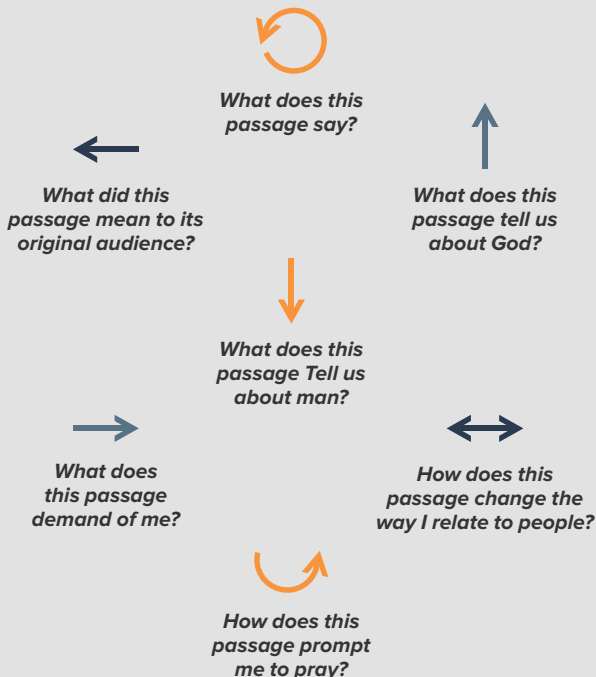
**11** In your own words, write out the gospel in a way that you would share it with a lost person.

**12** This week, make it a point to share the gospel with a non-believing friend so that he or she might come to faith.

# DAILY DEVOTIONS



## The 7 Arrows of Bible Reading



## Day One **ACTS 2:1**

After Jesus had been rejected, crucified, and raised from the dead, He was with His disciples and told them to remain in Jerusalem until they received the Holy Spirit in fulfillment of the Father's promise. After He told them these things, Jesus ascended to heaven right in front of His disciples. The disciples went to Jerusalem as Jesus had instructed and devoted themselves together to prayer. Within a few days, the feast of Pentecost, which occurred 50 days after Passover, was held in Jerusalem, and faithful Jews from all around came to the city to worship. While in Jerusalem and among all those who had come to the city, God did something powerful among His disciples, and their following Jesus' commands was central to God's purposes being accomplished in and through the lives of these believers.

➤ **When has God called you to do something you didn't quite understand?**

➤ **Why is obedience to God always important?**





## Day Four

# ACTS 2:4

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As the Spirit came into the lives of the disciples, they began to speak in languages not their own. People from all over and who spoke many languages were gathered in Jerusalem for the Passover feast. The disciples declared the good news of Jesus to everyone there, and the Holy Spirit worked in such a way that all the people there were able to hear the gospel in their own language. Up until this point, the Jews had believed that God's promises were meant exclusively for them. They knew that they had been set apart from all the nations of the world, yet they had misunderstood what this meant. At Pentecost, the Spirit demonstrated that the message of the gospel is for all people and not just a select few. Today, if we're followers of Christ, we are set apart, and this is a great privilege. But we can never see this as if we are better than others. Instead, we should continually work to see others receive the blessings we have.

- **When have you been tempted to keep the message of Jesus to yourself? Why?**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- **How does your life show an understanding that the gospel is for all people?**

## Day Five

# ACTS 2:4

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The disciples lived out God's desires and purposes for them as the Spirit enabled them. We are called day-in, day-out to walk by the Spirit. The truth is that, on our own, we'll never live out the things that God desires for us. Our flesh is weak, and when we try to live by our own strength, we'll find we're continually frustrated with ourselves for not following through on the things we know we should do. The key is to live by the Spirit's power, and here are a few specific ways we can do that: devote ourselves to God's Word, continually turn from sin, pray all the time, continually think about the things God calls good, and serve others, even as we share the gospel.

- **When have you felt like you lacked the strength to follow God?**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- **How will you commit to living by the power of the Spirit?**