

Have You Heard the News | News That Changes Everything (Romans 10.5-21)

1. During this time we are inundated with news, often bad news.
 - How have you been navigating the deluge of news and information regarding our situation right now?
 - In what ways is the good news of the gospel helping you navigate and deal with the often difficult news of our time?
 - How did the John Piper quote that pastor Mike read (see above in the notes) shift the way you think about the gospel as good news?
 - How are you learning to keep things in perspective and make sure the good news of the gospel isn't overshadowed by the challenges of today's bad news?
2. The law was given to the people of God as a gift, that they would know how to live in a way that honored God and reflected him to the world. Unfortunately, they turned it into a means by which they attempted to elevate themselves before God and men by their own performance. Paul corrects this by pointing out that there is a balance:
 - (1) We don't trust in our own righteousness because our own righteousness isn't enough.
 - (2) But at the same time don't regard being right before God as impossible because God has made it possible in Jesus Christ.
 - When are you tempted to trust in your own ability or goodness?
 - Are there places in your life where you are struggling to prove yourself worthy to the Lord?
 - Are there times when you are tempted to feel like living the Christian life is impossible, and just want to give up? If so, what keeps you going in those times?
 - What are some ways right now that God is reminding you that he is with you and you are not on your own?
3. One of Pastor Mike's implications was "the juice is worth the squeeze," meaning the result is worth the process.
 - What is the process that the Lord has you in?
 - What's the result that you believe God is leading you towards?