



## Life Group Study Notes

# "The Human Right - The Right to the Gospel "

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### Warm Up (10-15 minutes)

Choose a question below to answer, or ask another. No right or wrong answers.

- What are some things you get offended over?
- What are some things you have done to offend others?

### Word (10-15 minutes)

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Imagine you had the cure for all kinds of cancer and the first thing you did was offer it only to those who could pay for it? Doesn't that sound kind of evil? What if you had the cure to every injustice that occurs in the world, or has ever occurred across all of time? When wrong is done to us we always seek justice, but what about the wrong done against God? Sin is injustice against God, creation and is the source of every social justice problem that humanity has experienced across time. The answer to the problem of sin is the Gospel. It is our responsibility to hear the Gospel, know the Gospel, and preach the Gospel.

*"The Gospel is Public Truth " -Ps. James Lowe-*

"Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes."

**Romans 10:1-4 ESV**

Sin is like the BP oil spill that happened in the Gulf of Mexico. Once it found a way to get into the water, it continued to spread and would not stop until something was done about it. The only way to stop the oil from spreading into the system was to cut the flow off at its source. Our solution was to put a cap on it, and try to manage it. It still continues to slowly seep into the waters. In the same way, we try to obtain righteousness by our own efforts and attempt to "manage sin" according to our own standards and methods. Yet this does not fully solve the problem of sin. Jesus's life, death, burial, and resurrection is the only answer to the problem of human sin. The Gospel cuts sin off at its source, which is our own sinful human heart.

For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. "For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?"

### **Romans 10:11-14 ESV**

We who believe the message must go and preach the message.

### **Discussion (10-15 minutes)**

**Choose one of the points below, and discuss how the lesson applies to our lives.**

- In what ways does sin affect our lives?
- What are some ways that the Gospel provides the answer to social injustice?
- What are some examples you know of where the Gospel has helped transform society for the better?

### **Prayer (10-15 minutes)**

**Pray for any of the following, as well as any other requests you may have.**

- Pray for boldness and conviction to share the Gospel
- Pray that the Gospel would impact our lives afresh.