



Session 2

Me a Missionary – What?

Purpose: To help students and adults attending the Mission Serve experience understand how all Christians are missionaries, even if they don't live in a foreign land.

Passage: Romans 10:14-15

Preparation:

- Prepare for this session by taking time to read and pray through Romans 10:14-15. Read through Romans chapters 9-11 to understand the context of what you are teaching.
- Read through the lesson to prepare spiritually and mentally to teach it. Avoid just reading the lesson to your students. Take the time needed to read and study it thoroughly, and be prepared to make this lesson your own.
- Be prepared to share your own testimony if you use the learning activity, "God's Words."
- Choose the options that you plan to use with your group. Please note what is offered are options, feel free to make the lesson yours and use your own options as well. Prior to teaching, gather together items needed for the options you choose.

Plan Options:

Choose from the following learning activities based on available teaching time:

- Read the Word! (**Scripture focus**) – 5 minutes
- Your Feet (**ice breaker**) – 15 minutes
- What God has Done (**Bible study/testimony**) – 15 minutes
- Good News (**mission focus**) – 15 minutes
- Closing Activity – 15 minutes

Read the Word! (Scripture focus) – 5 minutes

1. Ask a student to read Romans 10:14-15.

2. After the student has read the Scripture passage, help the group understand a little about the passage by paraphrasing the Scripture or by saying, “Paul is making an argument to the Roman Christians about Israel hearing God’s Word and believing in Jesus. How will they CALL on Jesus if they do not BELIEVE? How will they BELIEVE in Jesus if they have not HEARD? How will they HEAR about Jesus if no one PREACHES to them?”

Emphasize to students that they are to understand that if they are believers, then they are missionaries.

3. Say or paraphrase, “Most Christians will never go overseas or visit a foreign country in their lifetime. Does this make them any less a Christian? The answer is plain and simple, no! As Christians, we are all missionaries. We are missionaries in our homes, in our workplaces, in our schools and in our everyday lives. Our first and most important goal as a missionary is not to win people to Jesus Christ, rather, to bring glory to God in all things. As we live close to God and as we trust him to live through us, we become the conduit to share Jesus Christ through our lives as we live out Jesus through our words and deeds. It is important to understand our role as a missionary as we go on a trip that requires us to meet people we have never met before and have the opportunity to share the name of Jesus.”

Your Feet (ice breaker) – 15 minutes

Say, “This lesson is illustrated to us by Paul in three lessons from Romans 10:15.”

1. Your Feet

Option 1 – Remove shoes: Ask everyone take their shoes off and put them in a large pile in the middle of the room. Or, if you choose, you can do this outside to make it more of a race. Once the shoes are in a pile, make sure they are mixed up really well. Have a start line and finish line that is very clear to your students and adults. On your command have the students and adults start from the start line and race to the shoes and find their shoes and put them on and race back. If you have a larger group you can put them in teams. As they all get back and the winner is determined, ask these questions:

- What were your thoughts when I told you to remove your shoes and put them in a pile?
- How did it feel digging through all of the shoes to find your own?
- Did you look at anyone’s feet or do you have a feet fetish?
- Have you ever thought about feet being beautiful?

Option 2 – Foot Model: Ask if there are any in the group that would like to model for you. Do not give away that you are talking about feet and all you will take pictures of is their feet. Tell them you are going to take pictures and you need a few to play along. When they have agreed, ask them to take off their shoes and socks and have them place their feet together. Stand there and take the pictures having them model just with their feet. You may want to ask these questions:

- Were you excited when I asked for you to model?
- What were your thoughts when I said I was going to take pictures of your feet?
- Have you ever thought of your feet as beautiful?

2. Say, “God tells us through Paul in Romans 10:15 that the feet of the one who goes out and shares the name of Jesus are beautiful. I don’t know about you, but feet are usually smelly, clammy, dirty and disgusting. In the time that Paul was writing, feet were especially dirty from the dirt roads that they walked upon. But that is exactly the point that Paul is trying to make. Dirty feet carry great news.”

Help the students understand how important it is for their feet to be moving toward Christ and for Christ. Help them understand that a missionary is always looking and seeking opportunity to share the name of Jesus. Help them understand that our feet are not actually ours, but God’s. Our hands are His. Our hearts are His. Our minds are His. Our bodies are His. Our feet are beautiful and are His.

3. Say, “At Mission Serve this summer you are going to have many opportunities to use your beautiful feet. But do not wait until Mission Serve to use your feet. Use them in your schools, your homes and your workplaces.”

What God has Done (Bible study/testimony) – 15 minutes

1. Note: Romans 10:15 tells us that those who preach the gospel have beautiful feet. Refer to Romans 10:15, then say or paraphrase, “In the purest definition of a preacher – we are not all preachers. When sharing the gospel about Jesus, however, we are all preaching. We are heralding the truth, which is preaching. So when we are carrying forth the gospel or God’s Words we are preaching. So, as a missionary, you are a preacher because you herald God’s Word.”

Get personal with your students and adult leaders for a moment. Ask, “Are you willing share your testimony with the group right now?” Don’t pressure them, but attempt to set an example by sharing your own testimony (something short based on the points below). Help students understand their testimony does not have to be long, and emphasize testimony will be unique unto themselves.

2. Option: Give them a 3x5 note card and have them write down:

- 1 sentence that describes their life before Christ
- 2 sentences’ that describe their conversion experience
- 4 or 5 sentences about their life now and what God is doing and has done.

I encourage you to do it this way because we do not want to give false hope and make much about our life before Christ. It is really all about what God has done for us and what He is doing for us now.

When they finish with their testimonies have them stand up and share what God has done. Have your students search the Scripture to see if they can write down a life verse that helps them describe what God has done for them. This helps your students understand that God's words are important in their testimony.

3. Challenge: Once your students have found a verse to describe what God has done in their lives, challenge them to memorize their verse by the time they go to Mission Serve 2013.

Good News (mission focus) – 15 minutes

1. Romans 10:15 says that those who preach the gospel have beautiful feet and bring glad tidings or good news to all. As a Christian and as a missionary we are good news bearers.

2. Say, "How often do you hear good news?" Ask students and adult leaders think about the present news and the headlines and try to name six things that are good news. Write them down on a piece of paper or board as you go. Make sure that you are up to date with the news and are prepared as well.

3. Ask, "What makes something good news or bad? How do you feel when you watch the news of this nation, or your city or town?"

4. Say or paraphrase, "When news is given it is given to inform us about what is going on around us. Most newscasters inform us of what is the most horrific because that is what people listen to. Reporters are constantly trying to prove someone wrong, catch someone in the act of wrong, or talking about a murder, abduction or a slander in political leader. Very seldom do we hear them talk about all of the good in the world."

5. Say or paraphrase, "It is our time to change the news of this world. We need to be ready to share the Good News that we have in Christ. Romans 10:15 says it brings glad tidings. This Good News we have is not to be held or bottled up in us. The news is to be shouted, heralded and preached to those we come in contact with. This year as we prepare for Mission Serve let's prepare our hearts for those we will meet. Let's not only meet them, but let's have a conversation with them and tell them the Good News about the gospel."

"We can build a house. We can paint all day long. We can build handicap ramp. We can replace a roof for someone. We can clean up the dirtiest living situation. We can change the appearance of many homes. But without changing the heart of those that live in the homes, we have not shared the Good News. It is Good News to do all of these things, but ultimately Jesus can change a life. You must use your "Beautiful Feet" to carry God's Word to a dying people and give them the Good News."

Closing (wrap-up) – 15 minutes

Close in prayer, asking students and adult leaders to give you a name of a lost friend or loved one that you can write on a piece of paper or board. Find a place to keep these names where everyone can see them as they come to your student meeting every week. Pray for them, and then pray for them every week. Ask God to allow your students and adult leaders for opportunities to be the “Beautiful Feet” that carry God’s Word to a dying people and give the Good News of the gospel.