

The message of the servant

"How shall they hear without a preacher" (Rom 10: 14-21)

Should we (servants) keep serving even if the audience are not listening?

Should the audience believe even if there is no preacher? And How?

Questions from (Romans 10:14...)

14 How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?

15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace,



12 For there is no distinction between <u>Jew and Greek</u>, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. 13 For "<u>whoever</u> calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

(Romans 10:13)

Who are the audience?

Know your audience and do not judge them



I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. (2 Timothy 4:7) قَدْ جَاهَدْتُ الْجِهَادَ الْحَسَنَ، أَكْمَلْتُ السَّعْيَ، حَفِظْتُ الإِيمَانَ،

1. How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? (Romans 10:14)

To the Jews who were supposed to be <u>prepared</u>, however they did not believe in the Lord.

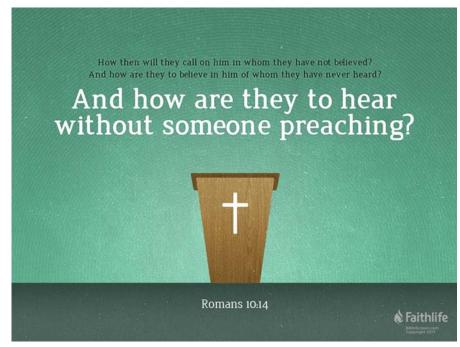
"My kingdom is not of this world". (John 18:36)

Do we do the same when we want to quit our service?



2. And how shall they (Gentiles) believe in Him of whom they have not heard? 3. And how shall they (Gentiles) hear without a preacher? (Romans 10:14)

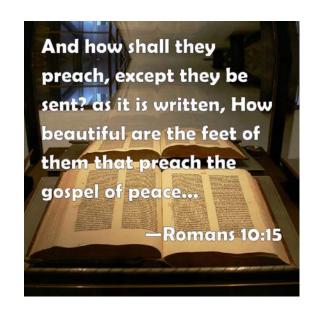
To the Christian Jews who were despising the gentiles, hence not spreading the good word to them.



4. And how shall they (Jews) preach unless they are sent? (Romans 10:15)

The Jews who didn't believe were not sent to preach

But when they opposed him and blasphemed, he shook his garments and said to them, "Your blood be upon your own heads; I am clean. From now on I will go to the Gentiles." (Acts 18:6) also in (Acts 13:46)



As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, (Romans 10:15)

St Paul says how great is the Lord who looks after His peoples.



A reminder from Isaiah: How beautiful upon the mountains Are the feet of him who brings good news (Isaiah 52:7)

مَا أَجْمَلَ عَلَى الْجِبَالِ قَدَمَيِ الْمُبْشِّرِ الْمُخْبِرِ بِالسَّلَامِ الْمُبَشِّرِ بِالْخَيْرِ الْمُخْبِرِ بِالْخَلاَصِ (أش ٧٥٠٧)

5. But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our report?" (Romans 10:16)

2 God has not cast away His people whom He foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel, saying,

3 "Lord, they have killed Your prophets and torn down Your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life"?

4 But what does the divine response say to him? "I have reserved for Myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal."

Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? (Isaiah 53:1)

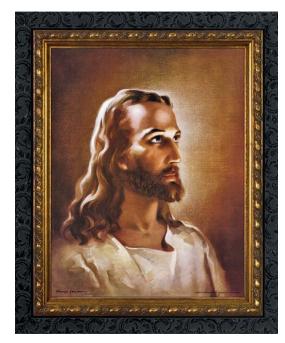




Do young kids (even if silly) pay attention to well prepared stories and lessons?

YES

10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. (1 Corinth 15:10)



وَلَكِنْ بِنِعْمَةِ اللهِ أَنَا مَا أَنَا وَنِعْمَتُهُ الْمُعْطَاةُ لِي لَمْ تَكُنْ بَاطِلَةً بَلْ أَنَا تَعِبْتُ أَكْثَرَ مِنْهُمْ جَمِيعِهِمْ. وَلَكِنْ لاَ أَنَا بَلْ نِعْمَةُ اللهِ . الَّتِي مَعِي

6. ¹⁷So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. ¹⁸ But I say, have they not heard? (Roman 10:17-18)

Yes indeed: "Their (messengers) sound has gone out to all the earth, And their words to the ends of the world." (Roman 10:18)



How merciful is our God?

¹ I say then, has God cast away

<u>His people</u>? Certainly not! For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.

(Romans 11:1)

He who is willing to forgive those who rejected Him and crucified Him if they repent and come back to Him, would not be willing to save those who live on an isolated island or at least have mercy on them?

Some applications from real life

The Lord is working to lead people to faith even if there are no preachers or by arranging the preachers to them

Dr Viggo Olsen an atheist to be a Christian

from "Case for a Creator" by Lee Strobel

Scientific errors in the Bible

Faith in the Lord

They ended up in the suffering nation of Bangladesh, they spent 33 years, worked to start 122 churches, provided doctors and medicine for countless hungry and sick men, women, and children.



Dr Viggo and Joan Olsen

13 Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy.

14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for

the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

(Romans 13: 13)

The verse that changed St. Augustine

13 لِنَسْلُكْ بِلِيَاقَةٍ كَمَا فِي النَّهَارِ لاَ بِالْبَطَرِ وَالسُّكْرِ لاَ بِالْمَضَاجِعِ وَالْعَهَرِ لاَ بِالْخِصَامِ وَالْحَسَدِ. 14 بَلِ الْبَسُوا الرَّبَّ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحَ وَلاَ تَصْنَعُوا تَدْبِيراً لِلْجَسَدِ لأَجْلِ الشَّهَوَاتِ.



Things to learn from the previous questions:

- 1. Thank God for allowing us to serve His children.
- 2. Be humble.
- 3. Be knowledgeable (read).
- 4. Be forgiving with the kids.
- 5. Be loving.
- 6. We have a living God who is working

"My Father has been working until now, and I have been working." (John 5:17)