

# VISION

2026

## STUDY TOOLS

Sunday, January 25, 2026

**Teaching Title:** Passing the Baton

**Key Scripture:** Romans 10:1–15

## CEDAR VALLEY

### 5-DAY READING PLAN WITH QUESTIONS:

**Monday:** Romans 10:1–15

**Tuesday:** Ephesians 2

**Wednesday:** 2 Timothy 1:1–4

**Thursday:** 1 Peter 2:1–12

**Friday:** Titus 2:11–15

1. What does this passage tell you about God?
2. What does this passage tell you about people?
3. If this is God's Word (The Bible), what do I need to do?
4. What's your takeaway?
5. Who would you tell?

### MEMORY VERSE:

2 Corinthians 5:18 NLT

And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to Himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to Him.

### LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION:

#### Introduction:

In our Vision Series, we've been reminded that God saves us not only from sin but for mission. Through Jonah's journey, we saw him run from God, be rescued by God, and then respond to God. Jonah wasn't just saved from drowning; he was saved for the Ninevites. In the same way, according to Romans 10, we've been saved from sin by the grace of God—but it doesn't stop there. We're saved for a mission. Just like in a relay race, faith is a baton meant to be carried and passed on. How can people believe unless someone goes, tells, and is sent? Romans 10 is God handing us the baton. We are saved from sin, destruction, and death. God has given us life in Him, and we're saved for our neighbors and the nations. Faith isn't finished until it's passed on.

#### Questions:

Ice Breaker: What is one thing you're really good at and one thing you're really bad at?

1. Read Romans 10:1–15 together as a group. What words do you notice Paul use about those who don't yet believe? What emotion do you think Paul is feeling here?
2. What does Paul mean by misdirected zeal? How can zeal be sincere but still wrong?
3. How does Paul model the connection between prayer and mission in this passage?
4. Why do you think Paul includes both belief in the heart and confession with the mouth? (See Notes and Digging Deeper)
5. What words do you notice in Romans 10:11–13? What radical statement does he make in this passage? How do you think it would've been received by the listeners to this letter?
6. What's the sequence of events Paul lists in Romans 10:14–15? What's the believer's role in this process?
7. Look at the challenges Pastor Neal gave us (See Digging Deeper). Which part in this relay do you feel God is calling you to step into right now—going, sending, serving, or giving?

## NOTES

Question 4—

“Believe”—Gr. *pistis* - to have faith (in, upon, or with respect to, a person or thing), i.e. Credit; by implication, to entrust (especially one's spiritual well-being to Christ) -- believe(-r), commit (to trust), put in trust with.

## DIGGING DEEPER

Question 4—

In Romans 10, Paul quotes extensively from Deuteronomy 9 and 30, which helps us see why he emphasizes the heart (worship) and the mouth (sharing). Here is a helpful chart from New Testament scholar, Dr. Craig Keener, in the IVP Bible Background Commentary:

Deuteronomy 30:12–14	Paul's application of the principles in Romans 10:6–10
Do not say, “Who will ascend to heaven?” (to bring down God's gift of the law; 30:12)	Do not say, “Who will ascend to heaven?” (to bring down God's gift of Christ; 10:6)
Do not say, “Who will descend into the	Do not say, “Who will descend into the abyss?” (for
The word (the law) is near you (30:14)	The word (the Gospel) is near you (10:8)
In your mouth and in your heart (30:14; probably	Confess with the <i>mouth</i> that Jesus is Lord; believe with the <i>heart</i> that God raised Him from the dead (10:9-10)

## CHALLENGE FOR 2026

### 1. Saved FOR the NATIONS—75 Sent

- This year: **75 people sent on a Global Team.**
  - Local. National. Global.
- ⇒ Because: how will they HEAR... unless someone GOES?

### 2. Saved FOR our NEIGHBORS: 2 out of 52 Sundays

- There are 52 Sundays this year: Keep 50...Give God 2.
  - Two Sundays where you bring someone with you.
  - Two Sundays where you say, “Come sit with me.”
  - Two Sundays that might change someone's eternity.
- ⇒ Because: how will they hear... unless someone tells them?

### 3. Saved FOR the BODY — 600 Serving

- We're believing for **600 active volunteers** serving at Cedar Valley.
- ⇒ Because saved people... serve people.
- And when the whole body moves, the whole city feels it

### 4. Saved FOR GENEROSITY: Kingdom Builders Giving Goal

- We'll finalize the number soon — but we are believing for a God-sized year of generosity.
  - Every dollar through Kingdom Builders goes beyond our walls and into eternity.
- ⇒ We're saved FROM greed...saved FOR generosity.