

## Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced

"Bond Together/Grow Together"

For the week of 4/28/2024

### For you as the Teacher/Host

Begin each Small Group session with a word of prayer. Please keep in mind that the purpose of this curriculum guide is to cultivate a deeper relationship with the Lord and each other through conversation that intentionally engages the weekly message.

**Quick Review** Discuss the message briefly. Did anything challenge or confuse you?

**Opener Question or Activity:** Paul talks about his heart for the Israelites, his people. Who are some of those you'd say are your people?

**Sunday's Main Scripture Text:** Romans 10:1-15

**Digging Deeper:** *(Teachers/leaders, feel the freedom to NOT ask every question.)*

1. Read over Romans 10:1-15. Who are some of "your people"?
2. What do your prayers & actions say about how much your "heart's desire" (v. 1; cf. 9:1-5) is "for" your people to know Jesus?
3. What are some things getting in the way of your people knowing Jesus? (3)
4. What is involved in not needing to "ascend into heaven" or "descend into the deep" to get to Christ? What is "the word" that is near you (5-9)?
5. As you understand it, why are the two conditions in vv. 9-10 needed? When did you come to these two conditions personally? How?
6. What assurance do you get for yourself and your people from vv. 11-13?
7. Following the flow of vv. 14-15, what part(s) have you played in this great chain of God at work? Have you played different roles with different people?

**Apply it today:** What was most important for you to remember today and why?