



This summer's series looks at the foundations of faith and grapples with some of the basics. This series will cover areas you may have looked at before but it is always good to check your foundations and go deeper in some of these fundamentals. This study considers what it means to 'call on the name of the Lord.'

1. Where have you seen evidence of God in your life this week? Are there any stories you might share?

STARTERS:

2. When have you ever needed rescuing? Do you have a story to share?

Read Romans 10:1-13

3. V13 declares that 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'
Do you ever feel like we can manage just fine by ourself?
4. Paul writes that the Jewish people were very zealous for God, v2, and 'sought to establish their own' righteousness, v3. What do you think that meant? How might we do the same?
5. How do you understand verse 4?
6. What kind of standard do you think God sets for your life?
7. To what extent should our lives look like Jesus' or the disciples?

8. In V9 there is something to say and something to believe. Why do you think it is significant that Paul uses both?
9. Paul invites us to declare with our lips that "Jesus is Lord" – Lord being a sign of foremost allegiance – what things compete for your allegiance?
10. What things help you keep Jesus as Lord rather than anything else?

God's promises: (you might like to give people a copy of these 3 promises, and say them out loud together)

V11 – 'Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.'

V12 – 'God richly blesses all who call on him',

V13 – 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

11. **Either:** Together consider each of these in turn – What is being promised here? How much do you believe this?

Or: Individually give people space to ponder the promise that they need to take hold of today. In a time of quiet, repeat this promise to yourselves and ask God what it means for you today.

Finally:

12. Geoff used a video of a trapeze artists to illustrate the life of faith. How do you respond to the need to let go and trust you'll be caught? What does the catcher need?
13. Pause for a moment of silence to consider what area of your life do you need to call on the name of Jesus? (*You might like to share these for prayer for keep them to yourselves*)

Final Prayers:

- Is there anything else that today's study has thrown up that you need to pray into?
- Are there any other things for which people would like prayer?
- Lift one another up to God for the week ahead.