In all things, we proclaim and live out the good news of what God has done and is doing in Christ.

- 1) Read Romans 10:9-13 together again as a group. Paul mentions declaring the Lordship of Jesus is essential for salvation. Why is recognizing the Lordship of Jesus important in receiving the gospel?
- 2) Last Sunday, Pastor Chad mentioned that "confessing" Jesus is Lord and "believing" he died and rose go hand in hand, and this is why Paul links them together in Romans 10. (Peter also links the two together in Acts 10:36-43) Why do you think Peter and Paul link "believing" in Jesus' resurrection with "confessing" his Lordship as parts of receiving the gospel?
- 3) Read the following verses in your group. What do these verses teach us about the importance of repentance in receiving the gospel?

Matthew 4:17

Mark 1:14-15

Luke 13:3

Luke 24:46-47

Acts 3:19

Hebrew 6:1

2 Peter 3:9

4) The Greek word for repentance is "metanoia" and means "changing one's mind, direction or way of life." Why do you think "changing one's mind, direction or way of life" is connected with receiving the gospel throughout the New Testament?

## "Receiving the Gospel"

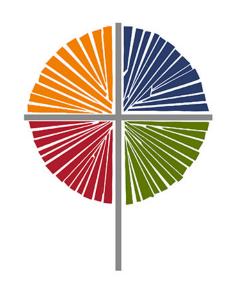
- 5) What has been your understanding of repentance in the past? How would you have described repentance to someone if they would have asked you what it meant? Based upon the New Testament word for repentance, "metanoia" (meaning "changing one's mind, direction or way of life"), has your understanding of repentance changed?
- 6) Read Matthew 19:16-29. Based on your understanding of Lordship and repentance, why do you think the rich man did not receive the gospel? Were his riches the problem, or was there something else in play?
- 7 Discuss what areas of life might turn in the opposite direction when we decide to receive the gospel.

Pray for one another and UCM that we would be a gospel-centered ministry that would remain excited about understanding and sharing the good news.

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