



Care Where Others Are Planted | Romans 10:9-15 & 1 Corinthians 3:6-15

1. As our 4-week 'Hearts For Harvest' series concludes, can you think of one or two aspects of our teaching/study together which has challenged or changed the way you have lived?
2. Was there anything from Esther Boulton's faith-story which inspired or challenged you? Were there any parts of it which resonated with your own faith-story?
3. Put yourself into Esther's shoes for a moment. What would be your biggest cause of anxiety and/or excitement?
4. Can you think of a situation from your own life when God has used the experiences of your past (good or bad) for his Kingdom purposes in the present or future? Share your stories.
5. **READ:** Romans 10:9-15 and 1 Corinthians 3:6-15. What stands out or particularly strikes you as you read these texts? Discuss.
6. Is it possible from Romans 10:9-13 to discern who is saved and who is not? Are there other measures which should also be considered Biblically? Why, do you think, does Paul make this simple statement in Romans 10?
7. How does Romans 10:14-15 and 1 Corinthians 3:6-15 say similar things? How, if at all, does 1 Corinthians 3:10-15 help you answer question 6 above?
8. In Romans 10:14-15, is Paul speaking only about preaching the gospel verbally? How might Paul respond to the person who quotes the words attributed (probably incorrectly) to St Francis: *'Preach the Gospel at all times. When necessary, use words.'* In fact, St. Francis probably said something more like, *"It is no use walking anywhere to preach unless our walking is our preaching."* What's the difference?
9. How have you had *'beautiful feet'* (Romans 10:15) during the past week? Do you have any thoughts or plans about how they might be *'beautiful'* in the week ahead?
10. How are Paul's metaphors in 1 Corinthians 3:10-15 helpful or confusing? Discuss together what point Paul is seeking to make and why? Why do verses 10-15 follow verses 6-9? Is there a link between the two themes?
11. How is Esther's call/mission our call/mission too?
12. Spend a few minutes praying for Esther. Maybe consider too if there are ways you might be able to encourage or support Esther whilst she is in Uganda.