



**The Easiest Most Difficult
Thing in the World**
Romans 10:5-13

Day One

Read: 1 Samuel 10
Discuss:
Learn: 1 John 3:2
Praise: Salvation
Pray: Missionaries

Day Two

Read: John 10:1-21
Discuss: *What does the shepherd do for his sheep?*
Learn: Psalm 1:1-5
Praise: An attribute of God
Pray: Salvation of others

Day Three

Read: John 10:22-42
Discuss: *What is blasphemy? Why did the Jews think Jesus was blaspheming?*
Learn: 1 John 3:2
Praise: God's creation
Pray: Pastors and church ministries

Day Four

Read: Psalm 78:1-16
Discuss: *Why did God "establish a testimony in Jacob?"*
Learn: 1 John 3:2
Praise: God's provision
Pray: Government and military

Day Five

Read: Psalm 78:17-31
Discuss: *What angered God in these verses?*
Learn: 1 John 3:2
Praise: An attribute of God
Pray: Friends and family

Introduction:

How does the gospel un-complicate salvation?

1. It _____ our best _____

2. It _____ our mystical _____ of
God

3. It _____ us to totally _____
to Jesus as _____

4. It _____ our status-based _____

Conclusions & Applications:

Acts 2:42 Community Group

Study Questions

For the week of February 19, 2012

Getting Started:

1. When you are lost, what are you most likely to do: a) stop and ask for directions, b) check a map, c) drive around until you find it, or d) not admit to anyone that you're lost?

Into the Bible:

2 Kings 5:1-13 tells the account of how Naaman, captain of the Syrian army, was healed of his leprosy. Study through this account looking for comparisons to this week's sermon.

2. What did leprosy picture in the Old Testament? Check in Leviticus 13:1-4ff for a more detailed description.
3. What do you think the king of Syria's motive was in sending so much money to the king of Israel?
4. What were possible hindrances potentially preventing Naaman from experiencing the grace of God?
5. What comparisons can you find between this text and Sunday's sermon?

Application:

6. Looking back over the last few sermons, what point, illustration, or idea did you need to hear most?

7. How would you put Romans 10:6-7 in your own words?

8. Romans 10:9-10 talks about two great confessions for salvation: that Jesus is God and that Jesus rose from the dead. Which do you think is more difficult for people to accept and why?

9. Pastor Mike talked about oversimplified gospel presentations. How can this actually complicate things in the long run?

10. Where are you most likely to see glimmers of "bragging-rights" show up in your conversations?

11. How can you specifically apply the truths of salvation to this?

Prayer:

