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The following questions can be used for Small Group discussions or for personal reflection:

1. Describe a time when you communicated very clearly with someone. Now describe a time when communication failed. What were those experiences like for you? For the other person?
2. Read Ephesians 3:7-12. Does it surprise you that God has chosen to use the church, full of imperfect people, to be his chosen instrument to spread the message of the gospel?
3. Now read Romans 10:14-15. Describe the urgency this passage conveys about sharing the Gospel. Who are you sharing it with?
4. What is the point of preaching? Who is called to preach?
5. What does Paul mean when he tells Timothy to "be ready in season and out of season"?
6. How has our culture turned away from "listening" to the truth and pursued what their "itching ears" want to hear?
7. Consider this statement by John Stott: "Churches live, grow, and flourish by God's Word, but they languish and perish without it." Do you agree or disagree? Why?
8. For further study, read and discuss the following Scriptures: Matthew 16:13-18; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; Romans 10:14-15; Hebrews 4:12; Matthew 4:4; Acts 1:8; Ephesians 4:11-12; Romans 1:16-17.