

CHAPTER 7

HEARING IS
BELIEVING

The challenge of
proclamation



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- 1a. Communication is an essential part of life. Think of all the different ways people communicate with each other. (For example: gestures, words, etc)

Read Romans 10:9-17

- b. 'Words', 'preaching' and 'believing' are the dominant terms in this passage. Why do you think this is so?

- 2a. Why do the facts of the gospel need to be expressed in words?

- b. What place do things like symbols, art, music, miracles and other forms of communication have in expressing the gospel?

Read Romans 10:9 and 14

3. Identify the two challenges in these verses. How do you, or how does your church rise to each challenge?
- 4a. When we do share the gospel, we only sometimes see a positive response. Why do you think so many people do not respond quickly?
- b. What are some ways you could share the gospel more helpfully?

Romans 10:15 in some versions talks about the 'beautiful feet' of those who bring the good news.

- 5a. In Bible times, feet were not considered attractive parts of the body, especially after long journeys on foot in sandals when they would have been smelly and dirty. Why do you think Isaiah chose the expression 'beautiful feet'?
- b. What else could you or your church do to help more people to be 'beautiful feet' in taking the gospel to other parts of the world?