Romans 10:13-17 The Gospel ABCs (Part 2)

Scripture: Romans 10:13-17 and Matthew 28:18-20

Memory Verse: Matthew 28:19a "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations"

Lesson Focus: Following up from our lesson last week about the gospel ABCs, we will emphasize how D stands for Disciple. Disciples love, follow, and obey Jesus and in these few verses we see the importance of being a witness and sharing the gospel ABCs with others. Disciples are to make other disciples and we will take a few minutes to familiarize the kids with the RMC "BE, MAKE, SEND" mission statement.

Activities and Crafts: Great Commission Coloring Picture, Word Search of different terms from lesson, Bring it Home Sheet for $3^{rd} - 5^{th}$. Craft for 1st & 2nd: Disciple Multiplication

Starter Activity: Finish the Song

Consider grabbing the kids attention by playing a sing-a-long game using several tunes that they should be familiar with. You sing the first part and then suddenly stop and have them finish the rest of it. Below are several ideas (or bring your own!):

YOU: KIDS:

Twinkle, twinkle little star... How I wonder what you are. * Row, row, row your boat gently down the stream... Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily... We don't talk about Bruno... No, No, No. (From Disney Encanto)

Take me out to the ballgame... Take me out to the crowd.

You put your right hand in, You put your right hand out,

You put your right hand in.... And you shake it all about.

How much is that doggy in the window... Roof, Roof!

What can I say except... You're welcome! (From Moana) There was a farmer had a dog... And Bingo was his Name-o.

Then finish with this one to transition into the lesson:

Now I know my ABCs... Next time won't you sing with me.

If you were here last week, we learned about the gospel ABCs from Romans 10. Well, just like that last song ends with an invitation to have others sing the ABCs with you, our text today is all about inviting others to know the gospel ABCs with you! Let's take a look!

Bible Study:

Q: Does anyone remember what the gospel ABCs are?

A: **Admit** you are a sinner, **Believe** in Jesus Christ, and **Confess** Him as Lord and Savior! (<u>Teachers:</u> See the lesson from last week posted online to see how we pulled these gospel ABCs out of **Romans 10:1-13** using the gospel bridge illustration. Consider referring back to that illustration to jog their memories) *

Romans 10:13: This is where we left off last week. Remember the huge chasm that separates us from our holy God because of our sin? We call upon the name of Jesus by faith, not works, and God makes a way for us to cross that chasm into salvation! Praise the Lord for the simplicity of the gospel!

But then what? After we have our "ABC gospel moment" of salvation, do we then just go back to living our lives as if Jesus didn't exist? Absolutely not!

Q: What letter comes after C? D! And D stands for **Disciple**! * The ABCs of the gospel make us **Disciples** of Jesus Christ! * Disciples of Jesus love Him so much that they want to think, feel, and live their lives more and more like Him. Christian disciples look up to Jesus as their hero! *

In fact, our church has a logo that is at the heart of everything we do here at RMC: **BE**, **MAKE**, **SEND**. * (<u>Teachers:</u> See graphic on last page and consider using during teaching. We will leave print-out of it in your classroom) * At RMC, our desire is that all of us would BE disciples, MAKE disciples, and SEND disciples of Jesus Christ.

Why? Because this is what Jesus Himself commanded the first believers to do after they had their "ABC gospel moment". (<u>Teachers:</u> Jump over to **Matthew 28:18-20**)

Matthew 28:18: After Jesus died on the cross for our sins and rose again, He had one final word to His followers before He ascended to heaven. He starts by saying He has ALL authority.

Q: What does Jesus mean when He says He has ALL authority? A: It means He is the boss, the King! He is God the Son, our loving Creator and Savior! *

Matthew 28:19a: And after establishing His authority, He gives instructions.

Q: What did He tell His followers to make? A: **Disciples!** Other followers of Jesus! And guess what? You first have to **BE** a disciple before you can **MAKE** a disciple. And notice that disciples are to be made of all the nations. That means that disciples need to be **SENT** into those nations in order for new disciples to be made there. *

Matthew 28:19b-20: Disciples are to get baptized and be taught ALL of what Jesus said. And then Jesus comforts His disciples by saying He will ALWAYS be with them! For as we learned back in Romans 8, NOTHING can separate us from the love of Jesus!

BE, MAKE, SEND: This logo summarizes Jesus's final words to the early Christians and it is what we are still to do today until He returns. In fact, Paul is going to make very similar points as we continue back in Romans.

Romans 10:14: While the gospel is as easy as the ABCs, Paul points out that people still need to hear about those gospel ABCs! Imagine that the whole world is dying of a sickness that will kill them. But then you discovered the medicine that cures it!

Q: What would you do with that medicine? A: You would give it to as many people as possible. In fact, you would tell others how to make it so that it could be mass-produced in other nations.

Boys and Girls: The whole world is dying of a disease called sin. Jesus is the cure! The gospel ABCs are the way to administer that cure! And He has entrusted His disciples to tell others about this cure!

Romans 10:15: Here is the idea of being SENT! Jesus SENDS His disciples out and notice how pleasing it is to God when we do this! Sometimes it is across the street to our neighbor. Other times it might be across an ocean to a different country. (<u>Teachers:</u> Consider grabbing one of our missionary cards next to the kids' info booth featuring them and praying for them with your class!) *

Romans 10:16: But notice not everyone believes and obeys! People may hear about the medicine that cures their sickness, but they still have to take the medicine! That is not up to us though. Our job as disciples is to share the ABCs of the gospel and leave the results up to God. Let's get very practical about this for a few minutes.

Q: What are some ways that we can make disciples?

A: You can ask your friends/neighbors what they know about Jesus or invite them to come to church (or even VBS which is coming up!). But ultimately, it starts by making friends with people and caring about people! *

Romans 10:17: Jesus said back in Matthew 28 that disciples were to be taught ALL of what He had said.

Q: Where do we learn about what Jesus said and taught? A: The Bible! Disciples are made by hearing the word of God. And disciples grow by continuing to hear God's word.

Key Point: At the beginning of our lesson, we had you finish singing the ABCs song where you sang, "next time won't you sing with me." Who in your life needs to hear about the gospel ABCs so that they might sing praises about Jesus with you? Pray for that person and also pray about how you can share the gospel ABCs with them!

This is our mission as the church, boys and girls. First, we need to BE disciples and receive the gospel ourselves. Then we MAKE and SEND disciples.



