

## 2013-14 BSP#7 Group Time Discussion

*L – Low, M – Medium, and H – High, indicate the difficulty of a question. Group leaders should select questions that are challenging to their groups but not so difficult that their group members cannot answer.*

**(A) “He Opened to Us the Scriptures” - Questions for scriptural reading and discussion**  
**(Time available: 10 minutes. Do any 2 questions.)** 「祂給我們講解了聖經」- 為讀經及共同討論的問題(用十分鐘時間，討論 2 個問題)

1. [M] What is the image in 9:33 symbolic of? What does it dramatize? Identify one key Gospel passage that can be seen as an extension of this image.  
請解釋 9:33 所述形象所代表的意義。這形象特別帶出了甚麼事情？福音中那一章節與這形象有特別關聯？
2. [M] In 10:4, “the end” can be understood as “termination” or “goal” in Greek. Reading it in the context of 10:1-4, which meaning is more probable? Why?  
10:4 的「終向」一詞，希臘原文可解作「完結」或「目的」。按 10:1-4 整體來看，你認為那一個解釋最貼切呢？為甚麼？
3. [M] What is Paul stressing in the passage of 10:14-17? In the passages excerpted from Isaiah, what does the prophet foresee? Why does Paul say that not all in Israel have rejected Jesus as Messiah?  
在 10:14-17 經文中，保祿所著重的是甚麼？在引自依撒意亞的經文中，先知所預見的是甚麼？為甚麼保祿說不是所有的以色列人都拒絕接受耶穌為默西亞呢？

**(B) “Did Not Our Hearts Burn?” – Discuss one of the two questions below for meditation, prayer, and application.** (Suggested time: 10 minutes) “我們的心不是火熱的嗎？” “為默想，祈禱，實踐”的題目，請用十分鐘討論以下一條問題。

1. Reflect on 9:30-32a. How can you tell if someone (other than yourself) is devout out of routine or out of genuine faith? Why is it dangerous to make judgments of this sort?  
請反思一下 9:30-32a 經文。你如何能知道(除了你自己之外) 究竟一個人虔誠的態度，只是循例式的跟隨，抑或是基於真正的信德？為甚麼這樣的判斷很危險？
2. Reflect on 10:14-15. How would you answer someone who objected to Christian missionary outreaches to primitive tribes on the grounds that the Christian faith is alien to and destructive of their cultures and that their native religion is more appropriate to them? How would you apply Mt. 28:18-20 here?  
請反思一下 10:14-15 經文。有些人反對基督團體向原始部落傳揚福音，他們認為陌生的基督信仰，足以催毀這些原始部落的文化；土生土長的宗教反而更適合他們。對於這些人的反對，你有何話說？瑪 28:18-20 的教導，在這問題上是否用得著？