

# Small Group Discussion Questions

Series: Romans

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## **Memory Verse:** Romans 6:23 NIV

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*The goal of these questions is to foster meaningful discussion and to encourage participants to reflect on God's Word and lead to heart transformation. Feel free to modify or expand upon these questions based on the dynamics and needs of your Small Group.*

**Big Idea:** All who are in Adam certainly die, and all who are in Christ certainly receive life.

## **Read Romans 5:12-21**

1. The foundational issue of humanity is sin, which entered the world through Adam (v 12). When you look at the world today with division, violence, corruption, and anxiety, why is it important to recognize sin as the root issue rather than just blaming circumstances or systems? Why do you think humanity continually tries to fix external problems without addressing the internal problem of sin? Who in your circles of influence is trying to fix symptoms of brokenness without knowing the true cure? How can you gently point them toward Jesus this week?
2. Paul points out that even before God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses, death reigned. People weren't breaking specific written rules yet, but they were still living out of alignment with God (vv 13-14). It suggests that God's standards are woven into the fabric of His creation, not just printed on stone tablets. Why do you think people often reduce sin to "rule-breaking" instead of heart rebellion or misalignment with God? Who in your life thinks Christianity is just about "following rules"? How might this passage help



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reframe that conversation?

3. Paul uses a "how much more" argument. He says that if one man's mistake was powerful enough to bring death, God's gift of grace through Jesus is infinitely more powerful to bring life (v 15). When you fail spiritually, which feels stronger to you: your sin or God's grace? If sin feels stronger, what would help you to begin to surrender that mindset?
4. One sin led to a verdict of condemnation. However, the gift of grace came after many sins and led to a verdict of "not guilty" (v 16). It's the beauty of the gospel: the more debt we accumulate, the more lavish the payment becomes. Have you ever talked with someone who feels God can't love them because they have done too much wrong? How can you share the concept of this passage to counter that mindset?
5. Death is described as reigning over humanity because of Adam. Those who receive the overflow of grace and the gift of righteousness provided in Jesus will reign in life (v 17). What impact has being released from sin had in your life? How would you describe the moment when you turned your life over to Jesus? Death is still reigning over many in our city. How can you use your story of being released from sin to connect with them and share more about Jesus?
6. Adam's choice had lasting consequences. Jesus' choice had eternal consequences. The passage shows us that choices matter deeply and that Christ's obedience is powerful enough to reverse the curse (vv 18-19). How does this passage shape the way you think about the weight of your own choices? Who in your life has been spiritually impacted because someone before them chose obedience? Why is it important that your eternal standing with God is ultimately grounded in Jesus' obedience and not your own?
7. In a world of many opinions, Scripture is clear: eternal life is a gift that reigns exclusively through the righteousness of Jesus Christ (v 21). What other ideas are out there that you have heard about how to get to heaven? To help us connect with those who hold these views, are there any ways that Christianity



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is similar to other religious perspectives? In what ways is Christianity uniquely different from other religions?



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