

# Small Group Discussion Questions

Series: Romans

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Message: How To Get Right With God

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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:** Being right with God is only through faith in Christ.

## **Read Romans 3:21-31**

1. While Jews may have viewed themselves as having a privileged status, Paul emphasizes that God's righteousness is available to *all* who believe, without distinction (v 22). Do you ever choose not to share the gospel with someone because you do not view them as "good/worthy enough"? In what ways might fear, past experiences, or prejudice quietly shape who we see as "open" to faith? How can remembering that *you* were saved by grace, not merit, help you keep a correct view of yourself?
2. Paul makes it clear that no one meets God's standard on their own (v 23). What is sin? How would you describe it to someone who may be hearing about it for the first time? Why does sin separate us from God? Can we lead a sinless life? Why or why not?
3. Our justification is a gift of God's grace that He freely gives (v 24). Three concepts that help us understand how God works in our lives over time are justification, sanctification, and glorification. In basic terms, how would you define each one and how they relate to our faith journey? Do you ever struggle with believing that your legal status with God is settled



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(justification)? Or that you are actually capable of change (sanctification)? Why?

4. Propitiation is more than just forgiveness; it is the satisfaction of justice. It means that God's holy and righteous transition from wrath to favor wasn't because He decided sin didn't matter, but because the price was fully paid by Jesus (v 25). What makes it difficult to let go of the desire to see someone "pay" for the wrong they've done to you? How does remembering that Jesus took the full weight of *your* sin change the way you view the sins committed against you? How does the cross show us that forgiveness doesn't deny pain, but absorbs it?
5. Those who have faith in Jesus are declared righteous (v 26). What does it mean to have faith in Jesus? When you look at your own life, do you see a faith that changes your actions, or is it more of a mental "nod" to religious ideas? Where is God currently inviting you to *act* on your faith rather than just agree with it?
6. Success in the modern world is often built on self-promotion. However, the gospel creates a boast-free zone because our spot in heaven is not something we earn (v 27). How is Christianity fundamentally different from other religions in this way? How do you personally hold the tension between salvation being a free gift of grace and the call to live out an active, obedient faith? Do you ever struggle with the question, "Am I doing enough?"
7. Paul reminds us that there aren't different gods for different people. There is one God who offers one way of salvation for all humanity (v 30). What are some other views you are familiar with from friends, family or co-workers about alternate gods and ways to get to heaven? Visualize and share what it would look like in your situation to listen well and share about Jesus respectfully and courageously without compromising the truth of the gospel.
8. True faith doesn't nullify the law, but actually upholds and fulfills its original intent (v 31). When you think about obeying God, does it feel more like a burden you have to carry or a response of gratitude for what He has already



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done? How is obedience different when it flows from gratitude instead of fear or obligation?



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