

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: Jesus is our righteousness to anyone who confesses and believes.

Read Romans 10:1-13

1. One of the things Paul is doing is praying for those who do not know Christ (v 1). When you pray, how often do you pray for those you know and want to reach who are far from God? How have you seen prayer help prepare the hearts of those you want to share Christ with?
2. Knowing God's complete revealed truth is important. Paul notes that they have zeal for God but it was not according to knowledge (v 2). In what areas of your faith do you feel confident in your understanding? Are there any areas where you sense a need to grow in knowledge? What steps can you take to grow in this area?
3. Even when we know God and have a zeal for Him (v 2), we can still try and do things our own way (v 3). Have you ever thought that you knew better than God about what to do in a specific situation? Does not seeking God's wisdom when we should also communicate that we "know better"? Why do you think we sometimes resist submitting to God's righteousness, even when we know it's best?



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4. God's message is not far off. It is near you in your mouth and heart (v 8). Are there times when God feels distant from you, even though His Word says He is near? What tends to cause that sense of distance? What is one way you can practice listening to the Word that is already in your heart throughout your normal day?
5. Paul says the path to salvation includes making a verbal confession of faith (v 9). Confession isn't just something we do when seeking forgiveness. In this case, it is a public statement about our alignment. Have you ever felt hesitant to publicly identify with Jesus? What can hold people back from making their faith known? What are some ways you can verbally acknowledge Jesus in your everyday discussions?
6. Salvation is not just a confession of the mouth, as if it were a magical incantation. Genuine belief must also be in your heart (v 9). What is the difference between knowing something and believing something? When you are sharing your faith with a friend, how can you move the conversation beyond just "the facts of the gospel" to sharing the "impact of the gospel" on your heart?
7. As Christians, we should have alignment of our heart and outward expression of it in the mouth (v 10). Have you ever noticed a gap between what you say you believe and how you act? How can we encourage someone who believes in their heart but struggles with the courage to "confess" or live out their faith publicly?
8. During this time, some people viewed gods as being regional or for certain people groups. Paul shares that there is no distinction between different types of people since God is Lord of all (v 12). How does the gospel break down barriers between people today (ethnic, cultural, generational, or political)? Have you ever seen the gospel bring unlikely people together in unity or reconciliation?



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