Small Group Discussion Questions

Series: Romans
Message: The Priesthood of the Believer

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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: Every Christian is a minister and priest of the Gospel.

Read Romans 15:14-33

1. The believers are affirmed in their maturity while also being reminded boldly on some points (vv 14-15). Why is it helpful to receive both encouragement and instruction at the same time? When have you received a helpful reminder? For those who have walked with Christ for many years, what helps you stay humble and teachable?

2. All meaningful ministry is credited to Christ working through His people by the Spirit's power (vv 17–19). When you experience fruit or success, how natural is it for you to credit Christ rather than yourself? Why is it important to notice the Spirit's work rather than focus on personal ability? In what ways can we resist the temptation to take credit for something God has done?

3. The desire to bring the good news where Christ is not yet known reflects a calling shaped by God's mission (vv 20-21). At NCBC we want to reach 230K



people for Christ by 2030. Who in your current circles may know little or nothing about Christ? How can you create opportunities to share the gospel with them in word or deed? What is one thing you feel comfortable committing to doing this week? Report back on how things went at your next Small Group gathering.

4. As Paul looks forward to visiting his spiritual friends in Rome, he specifically mentions enjoying their presence (v 24). In what ways have you found enjoyment in Christian friendships that you have not experienced with other relationships? Who do you know that you can invite into our Small Group so that they also can experience life-giving community?

5. Material support is described as both a privilege and a response to shared spiritual blessings (vv 25-27). In what ways has generosity shaped your spiritual life? Are there areas where fear or comfort makes generosity difficult? How does your giving provide blessings to others?

6. There is confidence that future steps will be taken with Christ's blessing, even without knowing every detail (vv 28-29). What does it look like to move forward trusting Christ's blessing when the path is uncertain? How can faith strengthen courage during unclear seasons? Where do you need to trust that obedience will bear fruit even before outcomes are visible?

7. The request for prayer shows humility and a real dependence on others (vv 30-32). Do you find it easy or difficult to ask others to pray for you? Why? Why is it meaningful that even strong leaders seek earnest prayer? How can you become more intentional in praying for people who are in difficult ministry or challenging situations?

