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COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Romans | Season 2, Ep. 2 | 2:6-11

Monday, April 27 - Sunday, May 3 (Week 13)

Emphasis for the Month: *Moving from Information to Transformation.*

The foundation has been laid. Your group has found its rhythm, trust is building, and people are showing up. But now comes the critical shift, from knowing truth to living it out.

This is the month where discipleship gets personal. This is when things start to move from the head to the heart to the hands. Your role as a small group leader is to help people wrestle with what obedience actually looks like in their everyday lives, not just what they believe, but how they're living in light of what they believe.

Press into application. Don't let discussion questions end with good answers. Ask the follow-up: "So what does that mean for you this week?" "What would obedience look like in your situation?" Application without accountability is just good intention.

Create space for confession. Pastor Mike's recent sermon called for vulnerability around real struggles: lust, compromise, cultural pressure. Model openness about your own need for grace. When leaders are honest, groups go deeper. Confession isn't weakness, it's the pathway to freedom.

Challenge comfort. If your group has settled into safe conversations, it's time to raise the stakes and take risks. Ask the harder questions. Name the specific cultural pressures your people face. Don't shy away from topics that make people squirm, that's often where the Spirit is already at work.

Encourage real accountability. Help your group move beyond prayer requests into actual discipleship relationships. Who's checking in on each other during the week? Who's asking the hard questions? Facilitate smaller accountability partnerships within your group if needed.

Celebrate evidence of growth. When you see someone apply truth, make a hard choice for obedience, or take a step of faith, name it and celebrate it. Affirmation fuels perseverance.

Remember: Information changes what we know. Transformation changes who we are. Your group doesn't need more Bible knowledge as much as they need to live out what they already know. The goal isn't perfect people, but people who are actively surrendering new areas of their lives to Jesus.



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This month, help your group see that consecration isn't a one-time prayer, it's a daily practice. God is calling each person to specific obedience in specific areas. Your job is to help them identify what that is and support them as they take steps forward.

Thank you for leading with courage. Transformation doesn't happen in groups that play it safe, it happens where leaders lovingly push people toward the uncomfortable work of real discipleship. Keep pressing in. The fruit is coming.

ICE BREAKER: Think about a time when you tried really hard to accomplish something but fell short despite your best efforts (a grade, a sport, a project, etc.). How did that feel? What did you do afterward?

PRAYER FOR DISCUSSION: Leader or Co-Leader prays for the discussion time. Pray that The Holy Spirit would assist in the conversing, processing, and listening of the discussion.

DISCUSSION TIME: Have someone read this week's scripture from Romans 2:6-11, and then this sermon summary to jog everyone's memory:

Overview

In this sermon, we explored one of the most challenging, and ultimately hopeful, passages in Romans. Paul presents us with a sobering reality: God will judge every person according to their works, placing them into one of two categories: the righteous or the unrighteous.

The Two Categories

The Righteous (verses 7, 10) are described as those who "by patience in well doing seek for glory and honor and immortality" and will receive eternal life. These words: glory, honor, peace, and immortality, echo what Adam and Eve had in the Garden of Eden before the fall. God's original promise was simple: "Do this and live." Obey perfectly, and you inherit eternal life. The Unrighteous (verses 8-9) are those who are self-seeking, disobey the truth, and do evil. They will face wrath, fury, tribulation, and distress.

The Crucial Point

Here's what makes this passage so challenging: no one falls into the righteous category on their own. Paul isn't showing us a path we can walk to save ourselves, he's showing us a standard we cannot meet. Romans 3:10 makes it crystal clear: "None is righteous, no, not one."



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Pastor Jordan argued that the "righteous" category is hypothetical, it describes what would be required if we could earn salvation through works. But since "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23), every single one of us stands guilty before God's judgment.

The Good News

This is where the gospel breaks through! Paul is building his case to show us why we desperately need the power of the gospel (Romans 1:16). We were under an impossible command: be perfect or face judgment. But Jesus Christ lived the life we could not live. He perfectly obeyed God's law and earned the righteousness we could never achieve. Then, in an incredible exchange, He took our judgment and gave us His righteousness. On the cross, while the world was still screaming "do this and live," Jesus declared: "It is finished."

The Bottom Line

Righteousness is not earned through our works, it is received through faith in Jesus Christ. As 2 Corinthians 5:21 says: "For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." We shift from the "unrighteous" category to the "righteous" category not because of what we've done, but because of what Christ has done for us. This is the power of the gospel to all who believe.

QUESTION #1 - According to this sermon, why is no one able to meet God's standard of righteousness through their own works?

QUESTION #2 - Where in your life are you currently tempted to try earning God's approval or love through your own efforts?

QUESTION #3 - Pastor Jordan said Paul is "showing you the standard so you recognize that you don't meet it." Why is it important to truly grasp our inability to save ourselves before we can appreciate the gospel?

QUESTION #4 - When you reflect on the truth that Jesus took your judgment and gave you His righteousness, what emotions does that stir in your heart?

QUESTION #5 - How does understanding this "great exchange" (Jesus becoming sin so you could become righteous) motivate you to share the gospel with others?



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PRAY TOGETHER: Spend time taking ***and recording*** prayer requests and then pray together as a group (*I strongly encourage you to send out the prayer requests weekly to your group to keep everyone informed and in the loop on how to pray for one another throughout the week. This also makes it easier to check-in with people who have shared requests to see how the Lord has been working in their lives*).