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righteousness, redemption, and hope in Romans

HOME GROUP STUDY
Week 14



Welcome to our Home Group companion study for the teaching series The Unveiling: Righteousness, Redemption, and Hope in Romans. Throughout the coming year, we will be making our way through Romans, with some breaks along the way.

This study is designed as a companion to Crosspoint's weekend teaching. It will help you to discuss and apply the content from the message. It also provides an option for you to dig deeper into the Word of God. You will find it uses the same core text from the sermon.

We encourage you to prayerfully read through this study before your meeting. Make changes as you see fit. You know your Home Group better than we do, so adjustments and alterations to the questions are inevitable. There is no perfect curriculum that perfectly matches every group's needs and journey.

As always, we welcome and appreciate your feedback on this curriculum. Be prepared to share your insights at the next Home Group leaders huddle, or email us.



# A BASIC AGENDA



These are the basic elements in every Home Group meeting. You have the option of doing either the "message reflection" or the "deeper in the Word" sections. You likely won't have time to do both, especially if your group likes to share. Remember, the goal of your group is to build transformed lives, not to keep an agenda. Pay attention to what the Holy Spirit is doing. If you need to change things up, go for it.

## **ICEBREAKER**

Take ten minutes to reconnect and get to know each other.

### **MESSAGE DISCUSSION**

Discuss the teaching from the Sunday message. Hopefully, you've all seen it!

### **DEEPER IN THE WORD**

Dig into the core scripture passage from the weekend teaching.

### REFLECTION

Talk about the meaning of the text and how it personally applies.

### **PRAYER**

Set aside time to share needs and pray for group members.

# **CORE TEXT**

ROMANS 7:1-25 (ESV)

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. 3 For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, 4 in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. 6 For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. 7 For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. 8 Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. 10 But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. 12 So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. 13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" 16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

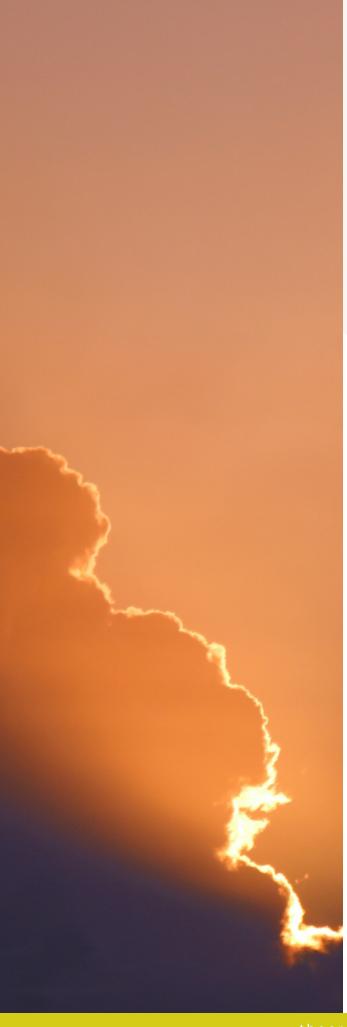


# **ICEBREAKER**

If your group doesn't know each other well, or if you've been apart for a while, an icebreaker is a great way to assist you in getting reacquainted. Icebreakers also 'break the ice' and help people engage in conversation.

When you share information about yourself with others, and they accept you for who you are, it builds trust. This trust leads to greater transparency and openness. If you want some icebreaker ideas, check out the resources at the end of this book.

IF I TRUST YOU WITH MY STORY, YOU MIGHT TRUST ME WITH YOURS.



# **WEEKEND MESSAGE**

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

Have one or more people read the text out loud.

- Describe one of your toughest fights you've been in.
- 2. What are some of the reasons why people find it difficult to change?
- 3. What are the key differences between the Spirit and the flesh?
- 4. What are the two advantages for the believer under the law of the Spirit of life? How might you press these advantages (put them into practice)?
- 5. What was helpful to you when Rob talked about "tuning your mind" to the things of the Spirit rather than the things of the flesh?
- 6. Time to get really vulnerable. Looking at Galatians 5:19-23 as a guide, talk about how the flesh has been attacking you or how the Spirit has been active in your life lately.
- 7. "If you want to be victorious in the battle of your life you need to trust. What does trust look like? It looks like surrender. Surrender says, 'God, I'm yours.' Surrender says, 'God, I need you.'" How can your group spur each other on toward trusting God more and more?

IF PEOPLE IN OUR CHURCHES GRADUATE FROM THE GOSPEL, THEY ARE NOT ADVANCING TO SPIRITUAL MATURITY BUT RATHER TO LIFELESS RELIGION, MORALISTIC SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS, OR PERFORMANCE-BASED FAITH INACCURATELY CALLED CHRISTIAN, ONLY **JESUS HAS THE POWER TO MELT OUR HEARTS; THUS THERE IS NO** TRANSFORMATION APART FROM THE TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL.

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# **DEEPER IN THE WORD**

**ROMANS 8:1-17** 

Have one or more people read the text out loud before you start.

- 1. How does this section (verses 1-17) help to explain Paul's declaration in verse 1 that, "there is therefore, now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus..."
- 2. If Jesus was sinless, why does Paul say he was "in the likeness of sinful flesh?" (verse 3).
- 3. What do we learn about what Christ did to the flesh (verse 3) and what this means for those who have the Spirit (verse 10)?
- 4. Why is it important to "set your mind" on the things of the Spirit (verses 5-8)?
- 5. Is verse 9 a condition or a promise?
- 6. According to 8:13 is the process of transformation God's work or ours? Compare this with Philippians 2:12-13.
- 7. Paul assumes that anyone who has the Spirit of God will be led by the Spirit of God (v. 14). What promises are available to those who have the Spirit (verses 14-17)? How do these verses link to verse 1?

# SUBMERGED IN ROMANS

- Watch the Bible Project's "Romans" video on YouTube.
  Check out the first of two videos here.
- Read "Paul for Everyone: Romans, Part One" by N.T.
  Wright as you go through the series. Order it here.
- Take the free Biblical Training online course with biblical scholar Douglas Moo. Sign up <a href="here">here</a>.
- Read and pray through Romans in 31 days. A helpful guide is <u>here</u>. They don't need to be consecutive days!
- Read through the entire book of Romans. In fact, we encourage you to do it a few times, in different translations. Access more translations <u>here</u>.

# 49 ICEBREAKER QUESTIONS

- 1. If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go?
- 2. If I gave you \$10,000, what would you spend it on?
- 3. What has been a recent high point and low point in your life?
- 4. If you could watch your favourite movie now, what would it be?
- 5. If you could talk to anyone in the world, who would it be?
- 6. If you could wish one thing to come true this year, what would it be?
- 7. What are you thankful for today?
- 8. If you could live in any period of history, when would it be?
- 9. If you could change anything about yourself, what would you change?
- 10. Describe your past week in weather terms. (Was it stormy, cloudy, foggy, mostly sunny or what?)
- 11. If you could be someone else, who would you be?
- 12. If you could have any question answered, what would it be?
- 13. What is one thing you are looking forward to?
- 14. If you could watch your favourite TV show now, what would it be?
- 15. Name one thing you really like about yourself.
- 16. If you could have any kind of pet, what would you have?
- 17. When did God become more than a word to you?
- 18. If you could do your dream job 10 years from now, what would it be?
- 19. What is a challenge you are facing right now? (How could we help you?)
- 20. If you had to be allergic to something, what would it be?
- 21. If you sat down next to Jesus on a bus, what would you talk about?
- 22. What is one thing you are really good at?
- 23. If money and time was no object, what would you be doing right now?
- 24. One fact about me that might surprise you is...
- 25. If you had one day to live over again, what day would you pick?

### **ICEBREAKER QUESTIONS**

- 26. If you could eat your favourite food now, what would it be?
- 27. If you could learn any skill, what would it be?
- 28. What is one thing you like to do when you have free time?
- 29. Do you have a pet? If not, what sort of pet would you like?
- 30. If you were sent to live on a space station for three months and only allowed to bring three personal items with you, what would they be?
- 31. If you could buy a car right now, what would you buy?
- 32. If you had a time machine that would work only once, what point in the future or in history would you visit?
- 33. If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go?
- 34. If your house was burning down, what three objects would you try and save?
- 35. If you could talk to any one person now living, who would it be and why?
- 36. If you HAD to give up one of your senses (hearing, seeing, feeling, smelling, tasting) which would it be and why?
- 37. What is the first thing that comes to mind when you think about God?
- 38. If you were an animal, what would you be and why?
- 39. Name a gift you will never forget?
- 40. What's your favourite thing to do in the summer?
- 41. Who's your favourite cartoon character, and why?
- 42. Does your name have a special meaning and or were you named after someone special?
- 43. What is the hardest thing you have ever done?
- 44. If you are at a friend's or relative's house for dinner and you find a dead insect in your salad, what would you do?
- 45. What was the best thing that happened to you this past week?
- 46. If you had this week over again what would you do differently?
- 47. What's the weirdest thing you've ever eaten?
- 48. If you could ask Christ to change one problem in the world today, what would you like him to change?
- 49. What book, movie or video have you seen/read recently you would recommend?

THERE ARE ONLY TWO KINDS OF PEOPLE - THOSE WHO SAY, "THY WILL BE DONE" TO GOD OR THOSE TO WHOM GOD IN THE END SAYS, "THY WILL BE DONE." ALL THAT ARE IN HELL CHOOSE IT.

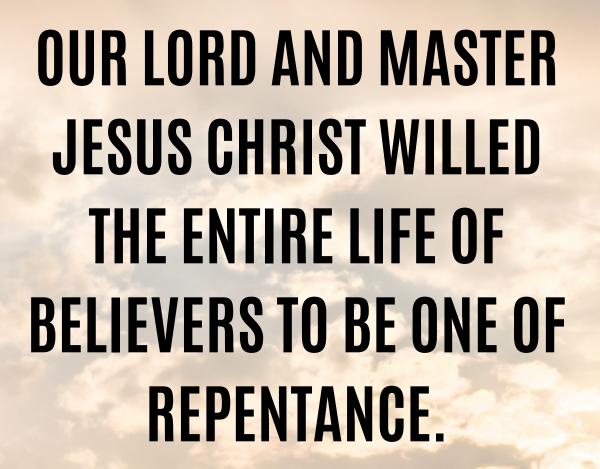
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"WHEN I THOUGHT GOD WAS HARD, I FOUND IT EASY TO SIN; BUT WHEN I FOUND GOD SO KIND, SO GOOD, SO OVERFLOWING WITH COMPASSION, I SMOTE UPON MY BREAST TO THINK THAT I COULD EVER HAVE REBELLED AGAINST ONE WHO LOVED ME SO, AND SOUGHT MY GOOD."

CHARLES SPURGEON

The gospel declares that no matter how dutiful or prayerful we are, we can't save ourselves. What Jesus did was sufficient...The hookers and swindlers enter before us because they know they cannot save themselves, that they cannot make themselves presentable or lovable. They risked everything on Jesus and, knowing they didn't have it all together, were not too proud to accept the handout of amazing grace.

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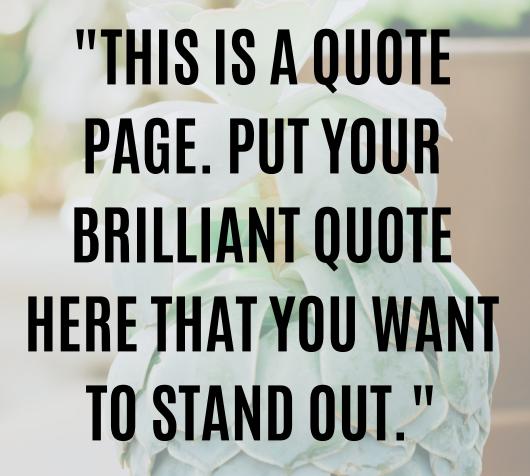


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