

STUDY GUIDE

RIGHT WITH GOD 5.10.15

[Instructions for LifeGroup leaders]

As you prepare to take your LifeGroup through this study, remember that this guide is provided in the hopes that you will customize it based on the insights you have of your group. You can dig deeper by studying in advance for additional references, study helps and applications or you can trim it down and focus on one section that you feel your group needs to discuss and grow in. It's your study "guide". Modify as much as you want and have fun with it!

[setup]

In a world with a lot of bad news dominating our media, good news is very refreshing! Share about a time when you received really good news or maybe had a time when you had the opportunity to share really good news with someone else. How does it feel to be on the giving and receiving in of good news?

The fact that God has made forgiveness of our sins and a restored relationship with Himself possible is not only good news, but the best news. Can you share about a conversation or movement in the life of someone you've been praying for and sharing with (New Life 10|24)?

[digging deeper]

Re-read our opening passage to the "Right with God" series in the book of Romans from last weekend – Romans 1:1-17

If you only had vs. 1 and 5 to know anything about Paul, what would it tell you?

What do vs 1-5 tell us about the gospel? If you read 1 Cor. 15:1-8, it elaborates on many of the key elements of the gospel.

How would you define the gospel in a sentence?

How has the Gospel of Jesus changed your life?

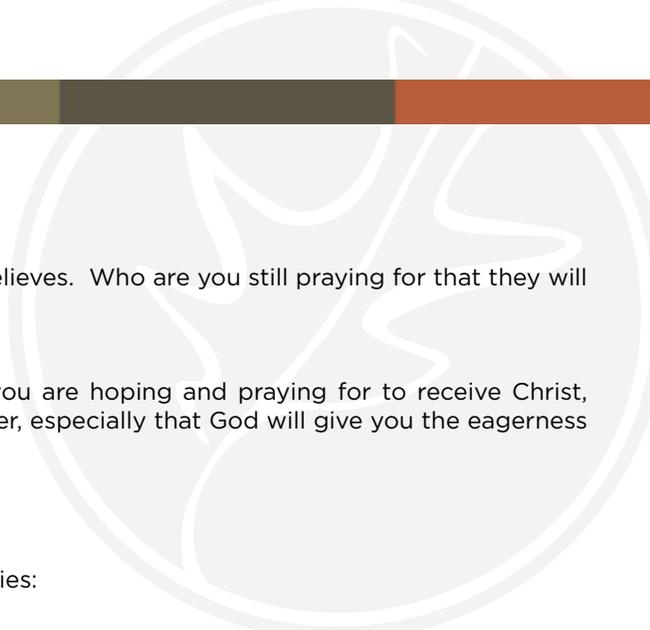
What do vs 8-13 tell us how Paul felt about the Romans? Who do you feel similar feelings for?

In Vs. 3-4 it refers to the gospel being foretold in the Old Testament. How do the following verses speak to the gospel? (Gen. 3:15; Isaiah 1:18 – skim Isaiah 53 & 55 too)

Romans 1:16-17 are said to capture the theme for the entire book of Romans. How are these verses encouraging and motivating for you? How are they uncomfortable or convicting for you? What do you feel and think when you see and hear the words of Jesus in Mark 16:15 in light of this?

What are ways that we may demonstrate that we are "ashamed" of the gospel? Why are believers reluctant, hesitant or passive to share the very best news known to mankind? How does someone move from being "ashamed" to "eager" to share the gospel? How can Gal. 1:10-12 and Eph. 6:15 help us?

What does it mean in V. 17 that the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith? How is the gospel powerful for more than just saving faith and conversion? How does Col. 1:12 speak to this?



[live it out]

We are told that the gospel is the power of God to save anyone who believes. Who are you still praying for that they will receive and believe in Jesus Christ?

As a group, pair up, and spend time lifting up by name the people you are hoping and praying for to receive Christ, especially those from your New Life 10|24 card. Also pray for each other, especially that God will give you the eagerness and boldness of Paul to share the gospel.

[further study]

Recommended Resources to purchase or download for the Romans series:

Romans study by Jared C. Wilson edited by J.I.Packer

<http://www.christianbook.com/romans-a-12-week-study/jared-wilson/9781433534416/pd/534416>

Romans Bible study series by Warren W. Wiersbe

<http://www.christianbook.com/romans-warren-wiersbe-bible-study-series/warren-wiersbe/9780781445726/pd/445726?event=ESRCG>