

STUDY GUIDE

RIGHT WITH GOD 5.31.15

[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]

What are the various ways you see people trying to be made right with God? What were some of the various ways you have tried to make yourself right with God?

Why is being made right with God more simple than people think and why do we struggle with the simplicity of the gospel?

[digging deeper]

Read Romans chapter 3 and underline, circle, highlight or take note of words that are repeated multiple times. Right down some of those words and how you would define them:


As you read through Romans 3, you see that God does not have one standard for Israel (Jews) and another for Gentiles (non-Jews) yet, the Jewish people have a unique advantage in knowing how to be made right with God. What is that advantage? How can you argue that their advantage has worked out to be a disadvantage in some ways?

How would your life be different if you had to live by the Old Testament law to be made right with God?

How do the words "inability" and "accountability" summarize some of the content in Romans 3?

In Romans 3, you see content related to both behaving and believing. Righteousness comes from believing but yet does not discredit our behavior. So then, what is our understanding of how believing and behaving relate to each other if salvation is based on believing rather than behaving?

In Rom. 3:25-26 is said that God "passed over" ancient sins. Does that mean God ignored, turned a blind eye or let them go without punishment?



What does propitiation mean? How does it include the understanding of Christ as our substitute? How is the gospel not the gospel without propitiation?

Select some of the following verse to read (or all if you are really motivated and have time), and respond to how they clarify and support the understanding that our faith to be forgiven, saved and made right with God needs to be in Christ alone rather than good works, obedience to religious laws or morality.

Lev. 17:11 Isaiah 53:6-10 1John 2:2; 4:10 Matt. 20:28 2 Cor. 5:21
Col 1:19-20 Eph. 1:7; 2:13 Heb. 2:17; 9:5 1 Peter 3:18

Explain the following phrases:

- Jesus did for me what I could not do for myself
- God's full justice demanded full payment. Jesus paid it in full

[live it out]

What are two things you have learned from Romans 3 and how can you apply them this coming week?

How does what you learned today help you be a better LifeHouse in your neighborhood and stay faithful to your New Life 10|24 commitment?

Close this time in prayer, either as a group or split up into smaller