



## **ROMANS CHAPTER 10 (FACILITATOR)**

### **Discussion Starter**

- Do you agree or disagree with the following statement and why? “Actions speak louder than words.”
- **Opening Prayer**
  - Ask if someone wants to volunteer before leading the prayer.

### **Breaking it Down**

- All questions should be utilized as appropriate based upon group dynamics to facilitate both understanding and discussion. Don't feel tied to the questions and don't feel like you must get through every question. Follow the Spirit's lead! All questions are a matter of perspective in some way BUT there are specific questions that this is truer of, and these questions have been indicated to be perspective/opinion questions.
- Please use your own style, voice, and approach in preparing for leading your life group. Most importantly, take a few minutes to pray over the time together with you group and pray over each group member by name.

### **Tell the Story**

- **PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE ONE PERSON WHO STORIES (SUMMARIZES THE CHAPTER) BEFORE THE GROUP READS THE CHAPTER TOGETHER.**

### **Read the Story (Romans 10:1-21)**

Read out loud as a group, 3-5 verses per person. Let everyone know they can opt out if they would like.

### **Romans 10:1-4**

- Notice that Paul's burning desire for his fellow Jews to come to know Jesus is coupled with his activity of prayer.
  - Would you say that the driving force behind most or all the decisions that you make and work that you do is driven by prayer? Why or why not?
    - This is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.
  
- According to this text, why is passion for God not enough in the life of someone who desires to pursue the Lord and His will?
  - Paul makes it clear that passion for God wasn't the problem for some of his fellow Jews. Rather, it was the fact that they weren't willing to submit to what God said and desired.
    - In what ways are you passionate for God yet resistant to the man or woman He wants you to be?
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### **Romans 10:5-12**

- According to verse 5, what is seriously problematic with trying to be justified by and through my performance or success?
  - Paul lets his readers and audience know that if an individual wants to be justified based upon themselves, they will then have to get everything that God desires 100% right and obviously, no one does this.
    - How do you live from places of freedom in Christ rather than places of guilt and shame for not always doing the right thing?
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- How would someone see what Paul says in verse 12 actively and purposefully lived out in your life regarding your interactions and relationships with those around you?
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### **Romans 10:13-21**

- In what ways are you challenged by verses 14-15? In what ways are you encouraged by verses 14-15? In what ways are you currently being stretched in uncomfortable ways by the principles in verses 14-15?
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- Reread verse 17. What is the significance of this verse for both Christians and non-Christians?
  - Faith is going to be built, developed, and grown by time in God's word and seeking to live out what God desires and what God says. Faith building and development doesn't just happen by accident. It requires both purpose and intentionality.
  
- What picture of God do we get in verse 21?
  - We get a picture of God who is relentless in not giving up on any person regardless of how stubborn and rebellious they choose to be.
    - In what ways do you actively receive what God is holding out for you?
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### **Final Application**

- What does this passage teach us about God?
- What does this passage teach us about mankind?
- What is a command to obey in this passage?
- What has God revealed in your life that needs changing?
- What truth can be applied to your life about the gospel?

### **Closing & Prayer Requests**

- Have a designated person to capture and share (as appropriate) within the life group.
- What happens in life group, stays in life group.

- Don't forget get to confirm the next meeting date and time
- Also recruit someone to do the story for the following week (Romans chapter 11)

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