

# Small Group Discussion Questions

Series: Romans

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## **Memory Verse:** Romans 6:23 NIV

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*The goal of these questions is to foster meaningful discussion and to encourage participants to reflect on God's Word and lead to heart transformation. Feel free to modify or expand upon these questions based on the dynamics and needs of your Small Group.*

**Big Idea:** Christians are called, loved, and forever changed by God's grace through His Son Jesus.

## **Read Romans 1:1-7**

1. The gospel was promised beforehand through the prophets in the Holy Scriptures (v 2). As American Christians, most of us struggle with delay. We want things instantly. Yet Jesus was a promised and hoped-for Messiah for many generations. What have you learned in seasons where you were waiting on God? Does seeing God's faithfulness in fulfilling His promise of Jesus help you trust Him with what you're waiting for now? Why or why not?
2. Jesus is described as a descendant of David (v 3), affirming His humanity, and as the Son of God in power through the resurrection (v 4), confirming His divinity. These verses show that Jesus is both fully God and fully man. How does knowing Jesus truly understands human struggles (because of His humanity) bring comfort or encouragement to you in your current challenges? At the same time, because Jesus is fully God, He has authority over sin, death, and every problem we face. Where in your life do you need to lean more on His divine power rather than trying to handle things in your own strength?



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3. Paul says his apostleship aims to bring about obedience that comes from faith (v 5). Is there an area where you have been "believing" God but haven't yet "obeyed" Him? What is holding you back? How would you describe the difference between obedience that comes from faith and obedience that comes from guilt, fear, or performance?
4. Paul is living out Jesus' proclamation to be His witness to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8) when he shares that the gospel is not exclusive to Jews but is also for Gentiles (v 5). This wasn't easy for many early Jewish believers. Welcoming Gentiles into the family of God felt threatening or uncomfortable. But God was doing something new. Can you think of modern parallels—people or groups who we might feel uncomfortable reaching out to and inviting to church? How do our preferences, traditions, or expectations sometimes create invisible barriers for others to encounter Jesus? What would it look like to be the kind of person who makes those who are far from God feel invited and at home?
5. The phrase "you also" implies Gentile inclusion in the church alongside others, likely Jewish believers (v 6). The gospel is not just for some; it's for all. Paul reminds Gentile believers in Rome that they are part of God's gracious calling. When have you struggled to believe that you fully belong in God's family? What helped you move forward in that belief? Who in your life might not realize that they are wanted by God? How could you help them see that they, too, belong?
6. When greeting this church, he reminds them that they are called to be God's holy people (v 7). What are some ways our lives should look different as believers who are set apart for God? How can holiness be lived out in everyday moments, such as your workplace, home, or relationships? What does that look like practically?
7. Grace and peace come only from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ (v 7). Where do you typically turn for "peace" when life gets chaotic? Is it a person, a habit, or the Father? What is a specific situation in your life right now where you need to ask God for His supernatural peace to replace your worry?



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