

C-Group Study Guide

Romans 10-16



Cultivating our Community for Christ
1 Cor. 3: 6-9

Calendar

Sept 26	Romans 10
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2021 Connection Groups

<u>Leader(s)</u>	<u>Demographic</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Day/Time</u>
Cole	Ladies	CBC Prayer Room	WED. – 10:00 A.M.
Jennings	Open Group	Parsley Home	WED. – 5:30 P.M.
McHale	Open Group	McHale Home	WED. – 6:00 P.M.
Barricklows	Open Group	Barricklow Home	WED. – 6:30 P.M.
Reynolds	Open Group	Reynolds Home	WED. – 7:00 P.M.
Simpkins	Open Group	Simpkins Home	WED. – 7:00 P.M.
Howards	Open Group	Howard Home	FRI. – 6:00 P.M.

Helpful Tips for Studying Scripture

Below are some helpful questions to ask and answer when reading, understanding, and applying scripture to our lives. You do not need to answer all these questions as part of each week, but as you read through the passages you are encouraged to keep these questions nearby to enhance your experience reading God's word.

Understanding the Bible

- 1. What do we learn about God?**
 - a. Look for God's character (who he is, what he is like).
 - b. Look for God's conduct (what he is doing).
 - c. Look for God's concerns (what things, events, and people he is concerned about).
- 2. What do we learn about people?**
 - a. Look for aspects of what it means to be created in God's image.
 - b. Look for fallen condition
 - c. Look for how God's people should live.
- 3. What do we learn about relating to God?**
 - a. Look for things to praise and thank God for.
 - b. Look for sin to confess and repent.
 - c. Look for promises and truths to believe.
- 4. What do we learn about relating to others?**
 - a. Look for how we should interact with and treat others.
 - b. Look for ways to pursue reconciliation with others.
 - c. Look for specific ways to love, serve, and care for others.

Applying the Bible

- 1. What does God want me to understand?**
- 2. What does God want me to believe?**
- 3. What does God want me to desire?**
- 4. What does God want me to do?**

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Romans

Background:

The Apostle Paul most likely wrote the book of Romans from Corinth to the Christian churches in Rome near the end of his third missionary journey in A.D. 57 (Acts 20:2-3). Having finished his work in the eastern part of the Roman empire, his desire was to make his way westward through Rome and on through Spain. The theme of Romans is the revelation of God's judging and saving righteousness in the gospel of Jesus Christ. In the cross of Christ, God judged sin and yet at the same time manifests his saving mercy.

Romans provides the fullest expression of Paul's theology (minus the appearance of any formal Christological passages), but its purpose was meant to address particular issues of concern in the Roman church. He addressed matters of interest for a mixed church of Jewish and Gentile Christians. These included answers to the questions of: Can one be right with God through obeying the law? What can be learned from Abraham, and is he the father of Jewish and Gentile Christians? What role does the law play with reference to sin? What does the salvation of Gentiles mean for the future of Israel as God's people? And should the Christians observe the OT food laws, and how should they relate to fellow believers on such matters?

The focus on these Jew-Gentile issues indicated a tension that existed between the two groups in the Roman church. Paul wrote this letter to unite the two groups in the gospel that he preached so that they would understand how the same gospel spoke to the issues that divided them. The aim of Paul's reasoning to write this letter is expressed in the key passage of Romans found in 1:16-17

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.””

Romans 10

Connect:

Whose salvation have you been praying for?

Interpret:

1. What does Romans 10:9,10 say are the conditions of salvation?
 - a. Define confess. What might Paul mean when he says this? (see also: *Prov. 28:13; Acts 3:9, 17:30; Lev. 26:40-42; 1 Tim. 6:12; Eph. 4:28*)
 - b. What other beliefs consequently follow believing in Christ's resurrection?

2. Who will be saved according to vs. 13? Who is it that will call on the Lord (*John 10:26-29*)? Is calling enough (*Matt 7:21-23*)? What implications does this hold for the believer?

Apply:

According to verses 14-15 what is the mode God chose to spread His good news? How can you do better at fulfilling Christ's command (*Matt. 28:19-20*) to do this?

Romans 11

Connect:

Have you ever been in the minority for something? Share your reason and experience.

Interpret:

1. What does Paul reveal regarding the state of Israel in vs. 1-5? Who does he claim this “remnant” is (2a)? What happened to the rest of Israel (7-10)? For what reason did God do this (11)?
2. What is Paul warning his Gentile audience of in vs. 18-24? What is his reasoning for doing this?
3. What does Paul mean when he says “all Israel will be saved”? Using the following passages, do a word study on “all” and answer if you think “all” here means;
 1. All without exception
 2. All without distinction
 3. All of an implied group
 4. A vast / diverse multitude*(Matt. 2:3, 3:5-6, 4:8-9, 9:35, 21:26, 27:45; John 3:26, 8:2, 14:26; Acts 2:5; 1Cor 15:22; 1 Tim 2:5-6; Rev 5:9)*

Apply:

Paul says in vs. 29 that the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. What does this mean and how does it bring you comfort?

Romans 12

Connect:

If you had to connect body parts with spiritual gifts, what parts would you correspond each gift with? Why?

Interpret:

1. What does Paul mean by “living sacrifice”? How is this language contrasted with the sacrificial language used in the Old Testament? (see also: Lev 1-7; Heb 13:15-16)

2. What does Paul mean in vs. 2 when he says, “that by testing you may discern what is the will of God”? Define the following using scripture to support your answer.
 - a. Test: (*1 Cor 3:13; 2 Cor 8:22; 1 Tim 3:10; 1 Jn 4:1a*)

 - b. Will of God (*Lev 19:2; Jn 17:17-19; 1 Thess 4:3; 1 Pet 1:15; 2 Pet 3:18*)

Apply:

Using Paul’s list of the marks of a true Christian in vs. 9-21, what do you find to be the most difficult charge given here? How might you reexamine your disposition toward that quality?

Romans 13

Connect:

What rule given by an authority do you struggle with subjecting yourself to? Why?

Interpret:

1. Who institutes governments (1)? What does Paul say to the one who resists authorities (2)? What is Paul's reasoning for obeying and submitting to authorities (3-5)?

2. Does the Bible tell us when we should resist authorities? (see *Ex 1:17; Dan 3:12-18, 6:6-10; Acts 5:27-29*) According to these passages, what reasons would a Christian have to resist the governing authorities?

3. How have you seen the charge "we must obey God rather than man" (*Acts 5:29*) used incorrectly? What was the context?

Apply:

How does Paul summarize the Law in vs 9? What does Paul say fulfills the Law? How have you done this recently?

Romans 14

Connect:

Disputable matters can be summed up as non-essential issues in the Christian life or “gray areas” in which the Bible does not spell out clear guidelines. What are some of these areas you have seen tension to exist?

Interpret:

1. What two issues is Paul specifically dealing with here (2-6)?
 - a. What charge does Paul give to those “strong” in their faith and convictions (*Rom 14:1,3; 15:1-2*)?
 - b. What charge does Paul give to those “weak” in their faith and convictions (*3,13*)?
 - c. Where does Paul say he lands on this matter (*14*)?
2. What effect could a strong brother/sister in Christ have on the weak by utilizing their freedom apart from love (*15, 20-21*)? What does Paul say to those that are unsure regarding their conviction (*23*)?

Apply:

Read John 13:34-35. Where does unity in the church fall in rank of importance to personal conviction? How can we do better in this area of loving one another within the context of Romans 14? (see also *Rom 15:3-7*)

Romans 15

Connect:

Describe a time you felt truly welcomed and accepted by someone. How did it affect how you viewed them? How you viewed yourself?

Interpret:

1. What are the Old Testament verses that Paul quotes in vs. 9-12? What do these reveal regarding God's plan for Gentiles at a time even prior to Christ?

2. What all did Paul reveal to be his purpose as given to him by God (15-21)? Why might this purpose have kept him from visiting Rome?

3. What were Paul's two prayer requests (30-31)? How were they answered (*Acts 28:17-22, 24:17*)? Did Paul eventually make it to Rome (*Acts 28: 14-16*)? What state did Paul find himself in upon arriving in Rome, do you think it's what he expected?

Apply:

How has God answered prayers in an unusual way unexpected by you? How did you respond or how could you respond better?

Romans 16

Connect:

Share an encouragement of a fellow believer that serves and loves like Christ well.

Interpret:

1. Whom did Paul commend in vs. 1? What role did she have? What did Paul ask the Romans to do for her, and what reason did he give (2)?

2. Who were Prisca and Aquila and what do we know about them (*Acts 18:2-3, 18, 24-26; 1 Cor 16:19*)? What other people were mentioned by Paul in vs. 5-15 and what were said about them?

3. What did Paul say about their manner of greeting (16)? Looking at the other passages where this is mentioned (*1 Cor 16:20; 2 Cor 13:12; 1 Thess 5:26; 1 Pet 5:14*); do you think this greeting is a scriptural requirement or simply an existing custom?

Apply:

Paul gives a final warning to avoid those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine they had been taught. In what way does Paul say they should be wise (19)? What does this mean for us? Give examples and applications.

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Prayer Requests / Praises



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