

ROMANS

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CG LEADER DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MISSION CAMPUS

OCTOBER 6 - 12, 2019

INFO AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Family Games Night is this Friday. Tell your friends and invite your neighbours. RSVP on our website today! Doors open at 5:30pm.
- Northview's goal is to multiply healthy local churches, and impact Canada with the Gospel. We're inviting everyone who is interested to join us at our Leadership Conference on October 18/19 at the Downes Road Campus. To receive a free lunch on Saturday, you must register before October 9, 2019. For more information or to register: northview.org/leadership2019
- Membership Class is coming up October 20, 27 & November 3 at 12:30pm. You can register for this class online.
- Our second annual Harvest Festival is coming up on October 27 at 5:30pm! Invite your friends and neighbours and come on out! We will be having a fun filled evening of games, a chili cook-off, crafts and more! RSVP online today!

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OPENING DISCUSSION / ICE BREAKER

- Picture a full court room. A jury is trying to determine whether or not you are a Christian. Do you think there would be enough evidence to convict you? What are some ways that you hope to continue or change the way people would observe your walk with God?

LEADER NOTES

Suggested Timing for a 2 hour meeting:

Connection: 30 Minutes (visiting / snacks / announcements / ice breakers)

Content: 30 Minutes (Observation and Interpretation questions):

Commission: 10-15 minutes (Application questions)

Care: 15-30 minutes (Sharing and Prayer)

Connection: 15-30 minutes (visiting / snacks)

LEADING SERMON-BASED DISCUSSIONS:

- Read the scripture passage(s) together as a group.
- Direct people back to the text if they are going on rabbit trails or talking about opinions and speculation, by asking, "Where do you see that in the text? What answer does the text provide for that question?"
- As you transition to prayer time, pray through the issues and ideas that the text brought up.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for families affected by loss. Pray that the Lord comforts his people when they experience the passing of a loved one.
- Pray for our upcoming Family Games Night, that many unchurched families would come out to enjoy this event. Pray that deep connections will be made.
- Pray for our new Campus Pastor, Jesse Schellenberg and his wife Bradyn and their family as they relocate to Mission, and begin their adventure leading our congregation.

ROMANS SERMON SERIES

Our Fall Sermon Series in Romans is highly practical! In Romans 1-11 Paul provides a theological framework for the Christian Faith. Now, in the final section of this letter, he gives the church in Rome specific examples of how this faith should be lived out.

Benefits of this series: It will feel highly practical for all of your group members. Romans 12-16 will force them to reflect on how their faith impacts their everyday life.

Potential pitfalls of this series: It is easy to fall into moralism and legalism when we focus on what we should and should not do if we are Christians. Keep this in mind! The sermon discussion questions will aim to remind us of the gospel truths behind each command.

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Observation

This section is aimed at helping people observe the details of the text: what is written, what words or ideas are repeated and emphasized, the text's structure and how this text fits into the wider context of the book of Romans.

1. Read Romans 12:13-16 together as a group.
2. What are the things Paul is telling the church to do? What is he telling them not to do?
 - **Share with the Lord's people who are in need.**
 - **Practice hospitality.**
 - **Bless those who persecute you.**
 - **Rejoice with those who rejoice.**
 - **Mourn with those who mourn.**
 - **Live in harmony with one another.**
 - **Be willing to associate with people of low position.**
 - **Do not bless and do not curse.**
 - **Do not be proud/conceited.**
3. Who are the "THOSE"?
Vs 13 refers to fellow believers, but after that, Paul is referring to those outside the church.
4. Revisit Romans 12:9. In light of genuine love, why does Paul include these commands in Romans 12:13-16?
These commands are qualities of true, sincere love, extending to strangers, and loving even those who persecute us. This is genuine love.
5. What does it mean to bless and not curse.
Varying answers (ie. our hope for the people who have persecuted us - asking God for mercy for them, etc.)

Interpretation

This section is aimed at linking the current text to other texts or to the bigger biblical narrative. If you are running out of time, feel free to skip this section.

1. According to Proverbs 25:21-22 how should we respond to our enemies?
2. Read Matthew 5:43-48. What does Matthew record Jesus teaching about responding to enemies and those who persecute you?
Varying answers from that text: ie. love enemies and pray for those who persecute you
3. Read Luke 23:32-43. How does Jesus respond to being persecuted?
Jesus taught those things, but then goes on to practice them as he is put to death by his enemies. He prays for the Father to forgive them.

Application

This section is aimed at helping people apply what we have read in the text to our lives. It is intended to foster more open-ended discussion as people connect the text to their everyday life, and reflect on how it changes the way they think and act.

1. Which of these commands seems the most counter cultural?
 - a. Which of these is the biggest challenge for you?
2. Why might we have a hard time associating with the lowly?
ie. pride and conceit
3. Have you ever experienced passive or active persecution for your faith? How could you bless/ be a blessing to the people who have done these things?
4. What could you personally do to practice hospitality?