

ROMANS

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CG LEADER DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MISSION CAMPUS

NOVEMBER 17 - 23, 2019

INFO AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Find out what's happening at Northview, join us for our Annual General Meeting on November 26 at 7:00pm at the Downes Road Campus. Everyone is welcome! AGM packages are now available at the Info Kiosk and online on our website.
- Christmas Family Games Night is coming up November 29. Doors open at 5:30pm, with a free turkey dinner served at 6:00pm. This is a great opportunity to invite your friends and neighbours! Let us know that you are coming online today!
- The Candlelight Parade is just around the corner on December 6! Northview Mission has a float in the parade again this year! We would love to have you walk alongside the float and handout invitations for our Christmas Eve Service to our community. If this is something that you are interested in please sign up on our website or email Yvonne Funk: yfunk@northview.org.
- Wear your Christmas PJs or sweater and join us for a Christmas movie night on December 8. We will be watching the movie Elf, having a gingerbread house competition and more! To RSVP and more details visit our website.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for our church to be a welcoming, retaining church. Pray that people would not only come check us out, but would return and invest in the people and community here at Northview.
- Pray for our families and friends who do not yet know Christ, that they would be compelled to trust in Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.
- Pray that we would have eyes to see others the way that God sees them: with grace, love and truth.

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.

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 14:1-12 together as a group.
2. What is the primary command given in this passage?
Accept the one whose faith is weak (vs 1)
3. Who is being called not to judge in this passage?
Both the stronger and the weaker (vs 3)
4. What is the reason behind why they are called not to judge?
We all are equal in our position of having to give an account to God (vs 12)
5. If none of us live to ourselves alone, then to whom do we live?
We live to the Lord (vs 8)

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. What does the passage mean by someone whose "faith is weak"?
It doesn't mean that they have less faith in Jesus, but that they don't understand the extent of their freedom in Christ.
2. Read Romans 13:11-14 and 1 Corinthians 5:12-13. In light of these passages, is Paul condemning all forms of judgment? If not, then when is it appropriate to judge?
Paul is saying in cases of sin, judgement with the purpose of repentance/restoration is necessary. (See Context of 1 Corinthians 5-6 if more proof is needed)

3. Are Christians included in those who will have to give an account to God? If so, what will they have to give an account for? See 2 Corinthians 5:10.

Yes, Christians will have to give an account for their faithfulness, but not for their salvation, as that is dependent on Christ's work alone.

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. In Romans 14, the divisive issues were what foods they were eating and what days were considered sacred. Some of them were judging others in regards to these secondary issues.
What do you judge other people for unnecessarily, that may be within their Christian freedom?
Various Answers
2. What do you feel freedom for that people may judge you about? Do you feel like they are only judging your actions, or also your motivations unfairly?
Various Answers
3. How will the Christian liberty we have affect your actions this week?
Various Answers