

GROUPS DISCUSSION GUIDE

Get Into The Word



Week of Sunday June 15, 2025

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**Living out our God-given calling as
we follow Jesus and make
disciples every day.**

Introduction

In Romans 10, we're challenged to explore the tension between God's sovereignty and our responsibility in salvation. Paul emphasizes that salvation comes through faith in Christ, not through our own efforts or works. This calls us to reflect on where we might be relying on our own "righteousness" instead of God's grace. As we delve into this passage, let's consider how embracing faith over works impacts our daily lives and our relationship with God. How can we actively choose to trust in Jesus' completed work for our salvation?

Disciple Measure

Spirit-led Follower: In what ways does faith impact how you live your daily life?

Discussion Questions

The Sovereignty of God and Man's Responsibility in Salvation

HIGHLIGHT

Have someone read aloud...

Romans 10:1-13

EXPLAIN

Discuss the following questions...

Opening Question: How would you describe the relationship between God's sovereignty and human responsibility?

1. What does Romans 10 reveal about the necessity of faith and belief in achieving righteousness?
2. How does Paul address the misconception that righteousness can be attained through works?
3. What is the difference between seeking righteousness through works and faith?

Have someone read aloud Romans 9:15-18 and Deuteronomy 30:19-20.

4. How does Romans 9 illustrate God's sovereignty in the context of choosing individuals like Moses? What theological implications does this have on the concept of divine election?
5. What is the significance of Deuteronomy 30 in Paul's argument about salvation? How does Paul interpret its message in light of the New Testament understanding of faith in Christ?

Notes:

Discuss the following questions...

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Force for Good: How can you encourage someone who struggles with the feeling that they need to earn their place in heaven? Do you have people you are currently encouraging and are currently encouraging you? If not, consider who the Lord has put in your life you can invest in and look for people who can invest in you.

Thank God for His sovereign plan of salvation and the gift of choice He's given us. Ask for wisdom to daily choose Christ and live in the freedom of His righteousness rather than our own efforts.

Questions for Families

Here are some questions you can discuss with the whole family.

Romans 10:1-13

What did you learn about God from these verses?

For younger children, guide them to see that God loves everyone and wants all people to know about Him and be saved. Steer older kids toward understanding God's desire for everyone to have faith and to be right with Him through belief in Jesus.

What do these verses say about what we should believe?

Encourage younger children to express the simple truth that believing in Jesus and saying, "Jesus is Lord" is important. Help older kids explore the concept that believing in their hearts and confessing with their mouths connects them to God's righteousness and salvation.

How can you show others what you believe about Jesus from these verses?

With younger kids, you might suggest actions like telling friends about Jesus or saying prayers. For teens, prompt them to consider how their actions and words, like inviting friends to church or living out their faith, can reflect their belief in Jesus and encourage others to explore faith.

NT 260

WEEK: 25

- Romans 14
- Romans 15
- Romans 16
- Acts 20
- Acts 21

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 6:3-4

Resources

Resources to Listen to

Can Anyone Live a Blessed Life?



Join Tim Mackie as he walks through Deuteronomy 30 and Romans 10 and the paradox between [God's sovereignty and human freedom](#).
(86 min)

Resources to Watch

Bound for Rome: Acts 21-28



Trace Paul's final journey to Jerusalem and then to Rome in [Acts 21-28](#).
(5 min)

Bible Project Guide - Romans



The Bible Project gives an overview of [Romans chapters 5-16](#).
(9 min)

Life Group Resources

We have a variety of resources and are continually adding new ones. Some of our resources include group launch guides, on-demand training modules, and curriculum resources. To request a resource, reach out to us at groups@longhollow.com.

D-Group Resources

If you or someone you know would like to start a D-group, we have everything you need, including reading plans, journals, and a launch guide to walk you through the first four meetings.



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Commentary

Notes:

What’s Going On?

In Romans 10:1-13, Paul shifts focus to human responsibility in salvation. He’s addressing a major issue: the Jews' belief that strict adherence to the law could make them right with God. Paul argues that while the law shows people their need for God, no one can achieve righteousness by keeping it perfectly, due to sin. He uses the image of righteousness as a currency that's unacceptable when tainted by even a small amount of sin. Paul emphasizes that the real salvation message is simple: confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, and you will be saved.

This faith is what leads to true righteousness and salvation. Paul is being clear that salvation is accessible to everyone—Jews and Gentiles—because it’s based on faith, not on personal achievements. By quoting from Deuteronomy, Paul connects past teachings with Jesus’ message, making the point that while Moses taught obedience to the law for God's blessings, now it’s about believing in Jesus. In Romans 10, Paul is making the point that God’s gift of salvation is a heart matter, not a work we can earn.

Deuteronomy Late
15th Century BC

Biblical Timeline



Notes:

A Bit of Background

To understand Romans 10:1-13, it's helpful to know a bit about its author, Paul, and the people he was writing to. Paul was a key figure in the early Christian Church, known for spreading the message of Jesus, especially among people who were not Jewish (Gentiles). He wrote the Book of Romans as a letter to Christians living in Rome around 57 A.D. In those days, the followers of Jesus were a mix of Jews who believed Jesus was the promised Messiah and Gentiles who had come to faith. There was often tension about how the Jewish laws fit into the new faith.

In Romans 9, Paul talks about how God chose Israel as His people, demonstrating His sovereignty. The Jews thought they could earn their way to God by strictly following the law, but Paul points out that this wasn't God's plan for salvation. Salvation has always been about faith, whether in the coming Messiah for the Jews or looking back to the Messiah's finished work on the cross for Christians today. This historical setting gives us a clearer picture of why Paul needed to address both God's sovereignty and human responsibility in salvation.



Sermon Notes

Romans 10:1-13 CSB

Brothers and sisters, my heart’s desire and prayer to God concerning them is for their salvation. I can testify about them that they have zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. Since they are ignorant of the righteousness of God and attempted to establish their own righteousness, they have not submitted to God’s righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes, since Moses writes about the righteousness that is from the law: The one who does these things will live by them. But the righteousness that comes from faith speaks like this: Do not say in your heart, “Who will go up to heaven? ”, that is, to bring Christ down or, “Who will go down into the abyss?” that is, to bring Christ up from the dead. On the contrary, what does it say? The message is near you, in your mouth and in your heart. This is the message of faith that we proclaim: If you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. One believes with the heart, resulting in righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, resulting in salvation. For the Scripture says, Everyone who believes on him will not be put to shame, since there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, because the same Lord of all richly blesses all who call on him. For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

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Living out our God-given calling as we follow Jesus and make disciples every day.

Spirit-Led Follower

A disciple who walks with Jesus daily, anchoring their lives to God's Word and obediently following the Holy Spirit where He leads.

Intentional Friend

A disciple who is always looking for ways to care for others and meet their needs. This is a practical way to be present in the lives of those around us.

Humble Guide

A disciple who is a humble guide takes every opportunity to help people take their next step closer to Jesus. This is someone who is constantly looking for opportunities to have Gospel conversations and speak truth into someone's life.

Force For Good

When a disciple lives out their God-given calling, they naturally become a force for good where they live, work, and play. This type of person is looking for opportunities to meet needs, heal brokenness, and bring tangible hope to the people in their life and in their community.



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