

Romans

Leader Guide | Week 1

NOTE TO LEADERS: To get the most out of the Romans series, encourage everyone to purchase the Romans companion devotional and work on it throughout the week. The Life Group Leaders Guid will include question you can use to leverage the study done by our Life Group members.

The Questions for Conversations will be the same every week during this series. The scriptures will be different. Let's focus closely on the Word of God for the next 15 weeks and see what the Holy Spirit does in our lives. Why wouldn't we? After all,"The Word of God is a source of:

- Faith
- Truth
- Salvation
- Freedom
- Spiritual Food
- Growth
- Victory Over Temptation
- Happiness
- Holiness
- Self-diagnosis
- Comfort Answered Prayer
- Assurance
- Joy
- Preparation for God's Work
- Warning"¹

¹<https://faithworks.life/twenty-benefits-of-the-word-of-god-the-bible/>

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Key Things You Heard

- AIM= Author's Intended Meaning
- Context is King
- 5 Questions to ask and answer:
 1. What is the important idea of the chapter?
 2. What is the verse I would most like to memorize?
 3. What is the most challenging idea?
 4. What is the application to my life? (In a sentence.)
 5. Are there any promises of God to me?

Romans Companion Devotional

- Which day's devotional had the most significant impact on you, and why?
- Pick one thing from the Things to Do section and share your experience.
- Share the 2-3 minute testimony you wrote.

Questions for Conversation

NOTE: You will need one index card and a pen or pencil for each participant in your group.

- Start your group by having everyone share one thing that they are thankful for this week.
- Continue your group by having each person share one thing they struggled with this week. After each person shares, have someone in the group pray for them.
- Read the following passages of scripture. Romans 1:1-6; Romans 1:16-17; Romans 1:18-23; Romans 1:24-32. As a group, pick one or two of these scriptures to discuss and then answer the following questions:
 1. What did you like about this passage?
 2. What did you find challenging or hard to understand in this passage?

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Questions for Conversation

- Read the passage of scripture you are discussing again. Then answer these questions:
 1. What did you learn about people?
 2. What did you learn about God?
- Pass out one index card and a pen or pencil to each participant. Instruct them to pray this prayer. “God, how can I obey and apply what I have learned in my time in the Word today?” Have them write down what God is asking them to do. Then, challenge everyone to do what needs to be done. Next week, everyone will share what they learned about themselves and God through obeying Him.
- Choose one or two of the topics from the list in Key Things You Heard and discuss the difference between the way of popular culture and the way of Jesus. What changes do you need to make in your life to more closely align yourself with the way of Jesus?

Romans Challenge

Commit to reading the chapter of Romans being studied daily for five days.