

## LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

We are embarking on a journey through the book of Romans, which Pastor John described as the Mt. Everest of the New Testament in terms of the theological ground it covers. The aim is to meet God through Romans in a fuller and deeper way as we explore the foundational, majestic truths we find there. And for our response to be a life of worship on mission for Him until Christ returns.

### **Romans 12:1**

"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." (ESV)

### **Romans 1:1-7 – The Gospel of God**

Additional passages you could read:

Genesis 3:14-15, 12:1-3; Gal 3:7-9; 2 Samuel 7:8, 12-17; Isaiah 53:5-6; 2 Timothy 3:14-17

1. **Verses 1 and 2 speak of the gospel of God, which God made promises about in the Old Testament – promises that Jesus fulfills. Read the additional passages above and talk about how Jesus fulfills God's promises to Adam, Abraham, and David.**

Discussion help: The fact that Jesus is the fulfillment of these promises means He is Head of a people who have power over Satan, sin, and death; Head of a people who God designed to bless other people; and He reigns over all things in a sovereign way and over God's people in a loving way as King in the line of David.

2. **Pastor John talked about how the gospel of God is centered on Jesus Christ. How is it going with viewing the problems of your life in the light of Jesus having addressed your biggest problem: your sin that separated you from a holy God, but no longer does?**
3. **How is it going with centering your priorities, choices, relationships – your life – on Jesus?**
4. **How is it going with being a blessing to others around you (Gen 12)? In the case of non-believers, how are you practically loving them and who can we pray for in your life for opportunities to share the gospel?**
5. **In his third point, Proclaimed to Secure Allegiance, Pastor John discussed the phrase the "obedience of faith" (v. 5). John said this phrase in this verse focuses on faith as the first step of obedience in response to Jesus (Cf. John 6:29). What encouragement can we draw from the truth that our salvation is through faith in Jesus' work, not our own good works?**
6. **James 2 says genuine faith expresses itself through works. Talk about the difference in mindset, attitude and feelings between works done to earn salvation, and works done as a response to God's saving work in your life – works done as an expression of faith.**
7. **Who can you share the good news of the gospel with in your life right now?**