



INTRODUCTION

Penned by the apostle Paul, the book of Romans is the manifesto of Christian freedom—our liberty in Christ apart from the law. In this study through Romans, we see the doctrine of salvation as written by Paul and inspired by the Holy Spirit. This letter to the church in Rome reveals the essence of the gospel: God's righteousness given to humankind through faith in Jesus Christ.

Icebreaker: Did you grow up going to church? Why or why not? If so, what denomination and what was it like?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS Read Romans 1:16-18 – Questions focus on verse 17

1. What is the “righteousness of God”? How is that different from any other righteousness? Why is the righteousness of God important to us?
2. How can we obtain “the righteousness of God”? What is “imputed righteousness”? How is this different from “imparted righteousness”? What are some things imparted to us when we become Christians?
3. What is “justification by faith”? What is meant by “from faith to faith”? What does it mean to have faith in Jesus Christ? What does it mean to “live by faith” (or more literally that “the one who is righteous by faith shall live”)?
4. Why do you think Paul quotes Habakkuk 2:4 in this verse? How does it relate to this verse?
5. Take time to pray for one another and our understanding and application of the scriptures. What has God taught you lately that you need to apply more intently in your life? Do you have faith in Christ that has brought you imputed righteousness with God? What can we do to help with your faith in Jesus?

For in it *the* righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written: “BUT THE RIGHTEOUS ONE WILL LIVE BY FAITH.” - **Romans 1:17**