



Growth Group Discussion Questions

6. None is righteous, no, not one

Read Romans 3:9-20

This study is going to be slightly different. Before we get to one of the greatest paragraphs ever written on earth, we need to summarise the long and carefully constructed argument of Romans 1:18 – 3:20, so that we are better able to get our minds around it.

1. **Fill in the following table. What verses would you use to explain your answers?**

Romans 1:18 – 2:20: God’s righteous judgment on our unrighteousness		
The pagan Gentile	The ‘good’ moral person	The Jewish person
How does God speak to her?	How does God speak to him?	How does God speak to her?
How does she respond to God?	How does he respond to God?	How does she respond to God?

2. **What’s so bad about sin?**
3. Verse 19 is the conclusion to the whole argument. **In the light of the conclusion that Paul comes to, what should the ‘quest’ of every human being be?**
4. **In your own words, what is the only way we can avoid God’s judgement?**

Leaders Notes

1. The aim of this question is that people go over the verses we have covered in the last 5 weeks. In doing so, hopefully they will piece together Paul's argument. There are only four questions in this study, so take some time on this one. And let the truth of Scripture sink in and convict us all of our sin and need of God's salvation.

the pagan party animal	self-righteous moral person	the Jewish person
God speaks to her through creation	God speaks to him through conscience	God speaks to him through written words of the law
supresses truth and therefore dishonours God	excuses himself by judging others and therefore dishonours God	presumes on knowledge of truth and identity and therefore dishonours God

2. Sin is bad because it dishonours the infinitely glorious Being – God. God must take sin personally because He is personally Holy. Sin is anti-god. Sin is UNGOD. And, He is infinitely loving and infinitely caring Person, so to sin against Him is so infinitely wrong.
3. Surely, reasonably, logically, every human being on earth should be on a quest to find justification and avoid God's judgement. Its so sad that people are doing everything they can to avoid the coronavirus which can only kill you but, forget the words of Jesus in Matthew 10:28.
4. Just like the previous study, the aim of this kind of question is to get the GG to learn to share the good news of Jesus Christ in their own words. And it's not just about practice, it's about encouragement. As we speak out the gospel to each other, great comfort and encouragement follows. You may want to point them to Romans 3:21-26 but we will be considering that in the week to come. So perhaps look up 2 Corinthians 5:21 instead.