



SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

DATE September 27th

BIBLE PASSAGE Romans 3:22-26

1. KNOW THE CONTEXT

Romans is a letter that the apostle Paul wrote to the church in Rome. It is written to both Jews and Gentiles and basically outlines the entire Gospel (sin, forgiveness, life in Jesus). Paul had not visited Rome at the time of writing this letter, but had heard about their faith. He opens his letter with a greeting and his desire to visit them. In the first two chapters, the problem of sin is laid out which then leads to an explanation of God's remedy for sin in chapter 3.

2. READ THE BIBLE PASSAGE TOGETHER

3. SPEND TIME IN OBSERVATION

Which verses, ideas, or characters stuck out to you?
What questions could come from this passage?

Observation notes:

Questions:

4. SPEND TIME IN INTERPRETATION

What did this passage mean to the original audience?

What would it have felt like to be a character in this passage, and who in the passage is the hero/role model (if any)?

What's the main point of this passage?

Questions	Answers
If we were made right with God, what was wrong with us?	Sin was and is what is "wrong" with us. It separates us from having a relationship with God.
What does it mean to be righteous?	This means that we are in right standing or justified with God. God is righteous because He is morally perfect, fair and just.
Why did God have to present Jesus as a sacrifice for sin?	When we do things that are wrong, we face a consequence or punishment. The punishment for sin is death. Therefore, Jesus died to take on the punishment we all deserve -so we wouldn't have to. Now we can live forever in heaven with him.

5. SPEND TIME IN APPLICATION

What is the "universal truth" God wants to teach us from this passage?

How can we apply the message of this passage to our daily lives?

If we all understood and believed that everyone sins and falls short of the glory of God, how would it change the way we felt about God and interacted with others?

What does this passage challenge us to do?

What is the result of taking the action of this passage?

6. PRAY

Follow-up notes: