Home Group Leaders' Notes
Week of October 4, 2026
ALIVE! Through Faith in Jesus Christ
Romans 10:1-21

Greetings Home Group Shepherds.

I know and appreciate that you modify these notes to fit your group. Some of the questions and suggestions will perhaps help you as you facilitate your time together.

This week's summary of what is written in Romans 10:

The focus in Romans 10 is on God's gift of righteousness that He has and is offering to all people. The author, Paul, expresses his desire that Israel would be saved then clarifies what had happened that so many weren't saved, that is, they didn't submit to the lordship of Jesus and the righteousness that comes by faith in Him. Paul stated that they did hear and understand (18-19), but were prideful and contrary toward God (21). For us today, this chapter clarifies what we need to do to be saved (9-13), acts as a warning to those who are disobedient and self-righteous, and reminds us to pray because God's "hand" is still out, inviting people to turn to Him. All very relevant to every person today.

Here is a repeat of what was posted in the HG notes.

We are continuing in chapters 9-11 that are focused on how the nation of Israel responded to Jesus Christ and His good news. The apostle, Paul, is grieved and concerned for "my people," the Jews. Many of them ignored, disbelieved, and even opposed their Messiah. Paul is answering several questions that the church in Rome and many others were asking: If God chose Israel to reveal Himself, His word, and worship to the world, did the "word of God fail?"

In chapter ten, Paul is addressing another concern regarding Israel: Have they heard the word of Christ? Did Israel understand? A brief outline might look like this:

- Paul is grieved that many Jews sought to establish their own righteousness based on the law and are therefore not saved. (1-5)
- "The righteousness of God" is based on faith in Jesus Christ and this was (and is) very accessible to them. (6-8)
- A person is "saved" (3X) if they confess that Jesus is Lord and believe that God raised Him from the dead. The believer is declared righteous and not shamed (condemned). (9-13)
- It isn't as though Israel (Jews) didn't hear the message of Christ. They did hear through preaching and through the stars (i.e. creation; see Psalm 19; Romans 1:20-21) (14-18)
- Conclusion: Though God has continually opened His arms and Israel heard (14) and understood (19) but were disobedient and contrary to (rejected) God. (19-21)

GROUP TIME: DISCUSSION OF APPLICATION FROM GOD'S WORD

OPENING TIME TO GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER

As a kid, we learn at a fairly young age that some things we did pleased or bugged our parent (s). Some of them are now funny, some are painful. Let's look back to remember some of the quirky things between parents and kids.

ROUND ONE is a small thing that pleased. **Each person should start by saying . . .**

"My mom or dad liked it when I . . . "(My example: helped around the house)

ROUND TWO is a bigger thing that frustrated or angered. **Each person should start by saying . . .**

My mom or dad were angered when I . . . (My example: argued with siblings)

ROUND THREE: A proud moment. **Each person should start by saying . . .**

My mom or dad were happy with me when . . . (My example: I worked hard in our store)

OPEN: This week's focus is about how God reached out His "hand" offering righteousness to Israel but they rejected Him out of self-righteous pride.

READ: Let's read together Romans 10, noticing God's offer and the response of Israel.

ASK: What do you feel as you read this chapter? Does anyone or anything come to mind?

Reread verse three. **ASK**: What does it look like in our daily lives to "submit to God's righteousness" rather than trying to "establish our own?"

ASK: How can we recognize self-righteousness in ourselves?

ASK: Sometimes we worry about our 'lost' family and friends. Paul's resolve (v. 1) was to pray, not worry, for the lost. What helps you pray instead of worry?

ASK: What does it mean to "confess that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead?"

ASK: How do we sometimes complicate God's provision of righteousness?

ASK: What do we learn about God in verse 21? (This is from Isaiah 65:2)

Worship song idea: "God is So Good" by Pat Barrett

Prayer needs

- Pray for your brother's and sister's needs and their kingdom work
- Pray for the upcoming "A Father's Legacy" movement about helping dads disciple kids
- Pray for our church family to keep reaching out with B.L.E.S.S. practices