

GOAL OF GROUP:

Facilitate conversations to help others live the life Jesus died and rose for them to live. Create a safe place, encourage authenticity, celebrate breakthroughs, and lead the way.

TABLE CONVERSATION QUESTIONS:

Get to know your group! No matter how long you've known one another, we encourage you to start with simpler prompts. Pick a question to discuss over a meal or the beginning of group to prioritize meaningful conversation before you dive into the material for this week.

START SMALL – If you could have God respond to one question today, what would it be?

GO DEEPER – What is a difficult experience you went through that you initially resented but now feel grateful for?

FACILITATOR GUIDE:

PRAY: Spend two minutes in silent prayer. After two minutes, have someone pray for your time together as a group.

READ: Romans 4:23-5:5. *Invite different group members to read the passage(s) out loud, two or three times. Each time, use a different Bible translation to allow for the Spirit to highlight key points through different wordings and sentence structures.*

Q1 – Grace is defined as the undeserved favor of God, and as the influence and power of God within us that changes our capacity for obedience and suffering. How does this understanding of grace compare with your own?

Q2 – Which of these two dimensions of grace is more familiar to you? Is the idea of grace as God's empowering work within you something new or different?

Q3 – The call to suffer is always connected to the grace to endure. How have you experienced this to be true in your life? Did your suffering drive you towards Christ or away from Him? Please share as you feel led.

Q4 – According to Scripture, our boasting should be in what Jesus has done for us, not in what we have accomplished ourselves. What does this practically look like in the way we live, approach God, and view our own accomplishments?

Q5 – The goal of the Christian life is perseverance, not perfection. Romans 5:3–5 tells us that suffering produces endurance, character, and hope. What has suffering uncovered in your life that you may not have recognized otherwise? How has God used those experiences to deepen and strengthen your faith?

Q6 – When you walk through seasons of suffering, hurt, or disappointment, do you find yourself running to God as your Father, or do you primarily see Him as the one you go to for forgiveness? What might keep you from experiencing His “Fatherly Warmth” in those moments?

Q7 – What would change about the way you navigate your current circumstances if you genuinely believed you could run to God, not just for answers or forgiveness, but for the love and strength you need to keep going?

THIS WEEK’S SCRIPTURE READING:

Each week, we will include Scripture readings that are meant to help you read through the Bible in one year. See this week’s Scripture readings below:

Nov 8 — 2 Chronicles 4-8
Nov 9 — 2 Chronicles 9-13
Nov 10 — 2 Chronicles 14-18
Nov 11 — 2 Chronicles 19-23
Nov 12 — 2 Chronicles 24-28
Nov 13 —2 Chronicles 29-33
Nov 14 — 2 Chronicles 34- Ezra 2

Take time to sit with the Scriptures, return to them daily, and let them shape your prayers, questions, and conversations this week.

CHALLENGE:

- **SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION**

  By the end of the ROMANS series, memorize Romans 12. Break the chapter into sections and spend a few minutes each day reading each day's verses ten times, writing each day's verses ten times, and repeating the verses until you can say them without looking. At the end of each week, see how much you can recite from memory.

  - **The Method:** Simplicity + Consistency
    1. *Read out loud*: Choose one verse and read it out loud 7–10 times. Pay attention to each word and let the truth of each passage sink in.
    2. *Say it from memory*: Cover the verse and try to recite it out loud 7–10 times without looking. Even if you stumble, go for at least 7 times before looking again.
    3. *Repeat, repeat, repeat*: Come back to the verse and repeat it multiple times throughout the day. Make it a habit: Use restroom trips, solo car rides, lunch breaks, or any time you'd normally be doomscrolling to repeat the verse.
    4. *Add another scripture*: Each day, say all the verses you've memorized so far. Keep adding one new verse using this same method to build on the verses before it.

  As you memorize, ask the Lord to show you how these words are meant to shape the way you live, worship, and love others.

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES:

- Please click **HERE** to view the Romans series Resource Page to access links to sermons, books, and video resources.
- For topical resources, click **HERE** to access the ACC Resource Library.
- Our Care Team is here to walk alongside you through every season of life – from grief and loss, to welcoming a new baby, navigating illness, fostering or adoption, parenting challenges, and more. If you need support, please email **care@allchrist.church** to connect with our Care Team.