
Romans: Let's Talk

This Grace@Home Let's Talk Guide provides discussion questions and activities that you may use to facilitate conversations about God and His Word in your home. The focus is on those chapters that are most likely to promote meaningful conversations for all ages of family members.

Romans 1

Is there someone that you always mention in your prayers? Share who and why.

Questions

1. For what does Paul pray at the start of this chapter?
2. Of what is Paul not ashamed? Why are people ashamed of this sometimes? How can we live our lives boldly instead?
3. Verse 20 tells us that we can understand Biblical principles by looking at God's creation. Think of something in nature and what it teaches you about God.
4. How does someone worship the creation more than the Creator? What does God think about that? Can you imagine someone loving your art project more than loving you?

Romans 3

Write down all the times you were obedient, giving and serving this week. Will this list be your ticket to heaven? Wad it up and throw it in the trash. Our love and acceptance of Jesus is our way to heaven! But all the things on that list did make God smile!

Questions:

1. Is there any way that our actions can make God's word any less true? Why or why not?
2. Is there anyone who has not sinned (other than Jesus)? How do you know?
3. What is the difference between "obeying the law" and being justified by "faith in Christ?"
4. What is the purpose of the law?

Romans 5

Write a letter to someone who you would die for, telling them why you would sacrifice your life for theirs (or share this verbally). Now write a letter from Jesus' point of view to an ungodly person, explaining why He gave His life for them.

Questions:

1. What does being justified by faith give us? What does that mean?
2. Why are tribulations or troubles good? Can you think of a difficulty that your family went through that ended up being good for you all?
3. What does verse eight mean to you? Think of someone who has mistreated you. Can you imagine giving your life for him?
4. How is Jesus like Adam? How is He different from Adam?

Romans 8

Hug your parents. Do you feel their love? Now go in another room without them. Do you still know that they love you? Nothing will separate us from the love of God.

Questions

1. What is the difference between living according to the flesh and living according to the Spirit? Which way do you live? How do you know?
2. What does it mean to you to be a child of God? What does it mean to have God as your spiritual Daddy?
3. How does the Holy Spirit help us pray?
4. Can anything separate us from the love of God? How might that change how you think about your spiritual life?

Romans 9

Get out some play dough or similar material and make a creative sculpture. You are acting as the potter. Who had the idea of the sculpture – you or the clay?

Questions

1. Who is the potter and who is the clay according to this chapter?
2. Is it fair that some people have more trials than others? What's God's perspective on this?
3. Who were "not the people of God?" How does what Jesus did on the cross change that?
4. What words would you use to describe God? Does this chapter affirm your description or teach you something new about God? Explain.

Romans 10

Ask your family to stand barefoot in a circle with toes in the center. Take a picture of your family's feet. Print it up and add this caption "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring tidings of good things!"

Questions

1. How does Paul feel about the nation of Israel? In all that you have read, how do most Jews treat him? Do Paul's feelings seem strange in this light?
2. What does a person need to do to be saved? Have you done this? If so share your experience.
3. Why is it important for us share to this gospel of peace? Can you think of a time you have shared Jesus with someone?
4. Think of someone in your life that has not called on the name of the Lord to be saved. Pray for an opportunity to share Jesus with that person this week. Be watching for it!

Romans 12

"Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another."

For one evening, try to live this verse. Earn a point for each time you let someone else make a selection or let someone else go first. By bedtime, the player with the most points wins a reward of parents' choosing.

Questions

1. How does Paul say you should present yourselves to God? Do you think your culture (even our church culture) lives out this verse? How can you?
2. How could one be conformed to this world?
3. What is a practical way to renew your mind?
4. Of all the instructions Paul gives in verses 9-21, which one is easiest for you to follow? Which one is the hardest to follow?

Romans 14

In verse 19, we are told to pursue peace and those things that encourage or teach another. Draw 10 pictures of people doing those things, and 6 pictures of people doing the opposite. Turn the cards upside down in 4x4 grid. Select two cards. If you choose a pair of verse 19 pictures, you can keep them. Take turns. The player with the most cards wins.

Questions

1. Every Christian family has their own rules. How does Paul say we should handle it when our family rules are different from another family's rules?
2. Someday what will every person do to God? Can you imagine what that would look like?
3. What does verse 16 mean to you? Can you give an example of what this looks like in your culture?
4. How does Paul define sin in this chapter? Are there ever personal "gray areas" of sin when you use this definition of sin? Explain.

