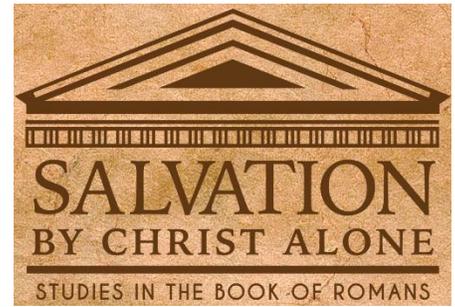


LIFEgroups



Leader

Open

Go around and let everyone answer...

Have you ever got yourself in a mess because you didn't follow directions? Tell about it.

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Read: [Romans 10:1-3](#) *"Dear brothers and sisters, the longing of my heart and my prayer to God is for the people of Israel to be saved. ²I know what enthusiasm they have for God, but it is misdirected zeal. ³For they don't understand God's way of making people right with himself. Refusing to accept God's way, they cling to their own way of getting right with God by trying to keep the law."* (New Living Translation)

How strongly does Paul feel about the salvation of the Jews?
Why would it matter so much to him?

If the Jews have so much enthusiasm for God, what is the problem?

Are these Jews the only people who "cling to their own way of getting right with God"?

Talk about some of the different ways people have tried (or still do try) to get close to God or appease his wrath.

Read: [Romans 10:4](#) *⁴For Christ has already accomplished the purpose for which the law was given. As a result, all who believe in him are made right with God.*

Paul says the Jews refuse to accept God's way of making people right with himself. What is God's way?

What is necessary for a person to be made right with God?

APPLY

Take a moment to think about how you would finish the statement:
"The longing of my heart and prayer to God is for..."

Is it for someone you know to be made right with God? How can you best help them?

Is it for yourself to be made right with God? What is necessary to make that happen?

Allow everyone who is willing in the group tell what Christ means to them. Then close with a prayer of thanksgiving.

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Lesson Series

This lesson series examines the various themes from the book of Romans.

Big Idea

Our greatest desires should be related to being made right with God, and then to see other people come to God.

Prayer Time

Prayer is an important part of every group meeting. Pay attention to the time so that fun, fellowship, and the Bible discussion do not crowd out a time for the group to pray.

Groups structure their prayer time in different ways. Some have one person pray and some allow multiple people. If everyone is invited to pray, always be sure to give permission for any person to pass if they do not feel like praying out loud at that time, or if they never pray in front of others.

