

SMALL GROUP RESOURCES THE PEACE TREATY by John Hendee

Big Idea: Faith is the key to unlocking the agreement and entering into a relationship with God.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:

Hebrews 11:1-6

James 2:14-24

Romans 1:1-7

Romans 3

(Reading all of the first 5 chapters of Romans will provide valuable background on this important passage. The discussion questions will focus on Romans 3:21-31.)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Romans 1:1-7

What is Paul's mission?

What is the relationship between obedience and faith?

Based on this, how would you define faith?

(See Hebrews 11 and James 2 for more on faith.)

What do you do every day based on faith? Faith in what or whom?

Romans 3:21-31

There are four words that are important to understanding this passage of scripture. Spend some time discussing the definitions below. State the definition in your own words and insert it into the passage when you read it.

Faith – trust in God that results in obedient action

Justify – to be put in the right with God

Atonement – the merciful payment for our sins

Redemption – release from captivity by the payment of a ransom (atonement)

What do all people share in common?

What misunderstanding is Paul trying to correct?

From this passage of scripture what is necessary for us to have a relationship with God?

If you are really honest with yourself, what or whom do you rely on?

What is happening in your life that shows that you trust Jesus?

PRAYER FOCUS FOR THIS WEEK:

Praise God for His grace.

Agree with God about those things you trust more than you trust Him.

Thank God for the times in your life when He has shown that He is faithful.

Ask God to strengthen your faith and draw you closer to Him.