

Bible Study: Slaves to Righteousness

Purpose: To encourage each individual to have a fresh realization of Jesus and what He's done for them. Begin by discussing accomplishments and achievements of some of the people. Have them think of and possibly share an instance of which they were at their best. Then have them silently think of an instance where they were at their worst. Assure them that no matter how good or bad life goes, Jesus will always be there.

Example: Have everyone share about how their last semester went. Ask them if they'll be glad when they're out of school. Doesn't it feel like we're slaving away at schoolwork sometimes? What about after graduation? Won't we be slaving at work?

ROMANS 3:9-20 ~ All Have Fallen Short of God's Glory.

Q: Can we be holy and righteous on our own?

Q: Who does Paul say have fallen short and strayed from the path of purity?

Q: Do you think in this case that there's an exception to the word All?

Q: In that case, can any person ever be in control of their lives?

ROMANS 3:21-26 ~ The Promise of Righteousness Through Faith in Christ.

Q: What does Paul say about righteousness?

Q: How can we obtain righteousness in God's eyes?

Q: All have sinned. Who is this righteousness available to?

Q: If we've all been made righteous by faith in Jesus Christ, why do we need the law?

ROMANS 6:15-23 ~ Slaves of Righteousness

Q: Can any man ever be his own master?

Q: What does Paul say we must choose between?

Q: Let's weigh our options. What wages are being offered?

Q: So, if Jesus owns us now, why are we still stealing on the job?

ROMANS 8:1-17 ~ No Condemnation in Jesus Christ.

Q: Do we need to feel condemned what we've done in the past?

Q: According to Paul, where are we supposed to dwell?

Q: What does it mean to be adopted?

Q: How then, being redeemed, how does God see us?

Q: To what are we heirs?

Q: He died for us. Do you think it will be easy to live for Christ?

Q: But do you think it's worth it?

Pass out pens and paper, and have each person write a love letter to Jesus, thanking Him for making sacrifices in the name of love. Tell them that there's no minimum or maximum they need to write. There's no right or wrong answer, just speak what's on your heart to Jesus.

Jesus commanded us to love our neighbor as ourselves, and to edify other members of the body. Have each person write a short encouragement note to another.