

Activity #3: Print this out for the older student group leaders.

Group Discussion for Romans 3:1-20

6th-10th Grade: "Real-Life Decision Breakdown"

Purpose:

Challenges cultural ideas about "being a good person" & connects doctrine to real-life identity and pride.

What You Need:

- Whiteboard or paper
- Markers
- Scenario sheet (or read aloud)

Activity Steps:

1. Break into small groups (3-4 students)

Each group answers:

Part A – No One Is Righteous - Humanity's Real Condition

Discuss:

- Why do people naturally think they are "good enough" for God?
- What does the Bible say about human righteousness?
- Why is it hard for people to admit they are sinners?

Romans 3:10-12 "There is none righteous, not even one..."

Have students discuss:

- Pride
- Comparing ourselves to others
- Sin nature
- Need for salvation

Part B – Outward Religion vs Inward Change

Have them discuss God's Standard vs Human Standard:

Example:

Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

Discuss:

- Why comparing ourselves to others fails
- God's perfect standard
- Why everyone needs Jesus equally

Human Thinking	God's Truth
"I'm better than others"	All have sinned
"Good deeds save me"	Nobody earns salvation
"I'm basically good"	Sin affects everyone
"I can fix myself"	Only Christ can save

Part C – The Purpose of the Law

Ask: “If the Law cannot save us, why did God give it?”

Have students look up tie-in scriptures and connect:

- Romans 3:20 “Through the Law comes knowledge of sin.”
- Galatians 3:24 “The Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ.”
- James 2:10 “Whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point...”

Discuss:

- The Law reveals sin
- Nobody keeps God’s Law perfectly
- The Law points people to their need for a Savior

Group Discussion Questions:

- Why do people resist admitting they are sinners?
- Can good works erase sin?
- Why is understanding our sin necessary before understanding grace?
- How does realizing our sin make the gospel more meaningful?

2. Personal or Out loud Reflection (Silent – 5 minutes)

Ask students to write or answer out loud: “Have I ever tried to make myself ‘good enough’ for God by following certain laws or rules?”

OR

Why do I personally need Jesus?

Prayer & Reflection: Ask God to help you to desire to know Him through His word given to us, not to rely on your attendance at church or how much you know about God. Spend time in prayer with Him.

(No sharing required if done silently- keep it personal)

Key for Lesson: The Bible teaches that nobody is righteous on their own; every person needs the salvation found only in Jesus Christ.