

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

Group Discussion for Romans 3:21-31

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

Purpose:

Helps students understand justification clearly & connects grace and faith to everyday identity.

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 – God’s Solution to Sin

Discuss:

- If nobody is righteous on their own, how can anyone be saved?
- Why did God send Jesus instead of simply ignoring sin?
- What does faith mean?

Romans 3:21–22 “The righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe...”

Have students discuss:

- Faith
- Grace
- God’s holiness
- Need for a Savior

Part B – Made Right by Faith, through His Grace

Have them discuss trying to earn salvation vs receiving grace:

Example:

Romans 3:24 “Being justified as a gift by His grace...”

Human Effort	God’s Grace
Trying to earn Heaven	Receiving salvation by faith
Trusting good works	Trusting Christ
Pride in self	Humility before God
“I deserve it”	“Jesus paid for it”

Discuss:

- Why salvation cannot be earned
- What grace means
- Why salvation is a gift

Part C – Jesus Took Our Place

Ask: “Why did Jesus have to die for sin?”

Have students look up tie-in scriptures and connect:

- Romans 3:25 “Whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood...”
- 2 Corinthians 5:21 “He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf...”
- Isaiah 53:5 “He was pierced through for our transgressions...”

+ Fun Fact: Isaiah was written over 700 years before Jesus lived a perfect life, died for sin on a Roman cross, and rose to life again.

Discuss:

- Jesus took the punishment sinners deserve
- God is both loving and just
- Christ’s sacrifice satisfies God’s wrath against sin

Group Discussion Questions:

- Why do people often try to earn God’s approval?
- How is Christianity different from every other religion?
- Why does salvation by grace remove boasting?
- How should someone respond to God’s grace?

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

Ask students to write or answer out loud: “Am I trusting in myself or trusting in Christ?”

OR

What does God’s grace mean personally to me?

Prayer & Reflection: Ask God to help you truly understand that His grace is not something you have earned or deserved. Pray that, through His Word, He would deepen your awareness of the incredible mercy shown through Christ’s death on your behalf and the immeasurable cost of your redemption.

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

Key for Lesson: People are not saved by being good enough; God’s grace saves them through faith in Jesus Christ.