

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

Group Discussion for Romans 1:8-17

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

Purpose:

Connects Paul's boldness to modern life situations & helps students understand the meaning and power of the gospel.

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 – Ashamed or Unashamed? : Paul's Heart for People

Discuss:

- Why did Paul want to visit the believers in Rome so badly?
- What does this teach us about encouraging other Christians?
- Why is Christian friendship important?

Romans 1:8–12 "I long to see you..."

Have students discuss:

- Encouragement
- Prayer
- Fellowship
- Caring for others spiritually

Part B – Ashamed or Bold?

Have them discuss the fear they experience around people when it comes to Jesus vs. confidence in God:

Example:

Fear of People	Confidence in God
Hiding faith	Sharing truth
Wanting approval	Wanting to honor God
Staying silent	Speaking with love
Being embarrassed of Jesus	Being unashamed of the gospel

Romans 1:16 "For I am not ashamed of the gospel..."

Discuss:

- Why are people sometimes embarrassed to talk about Jesus?
- What makes the gospel powerful?

Part C – The Power of the Gospel

Ask: “Why is the gospel powerful enough to save someone?”

Have students look up tie-in scriptures and connect:

- Romans 1:16-17 “The gospel... is the power of God for salvation...”
- John 14:6 “Jesus said... I am the way, and the truth, and the life.”
- Ephesians 2:8-9 “By grace you have been saved through faith...”

Discuss:

- Salvation
- Faith
- Grace
- Why good works cannot save us

Group Discussion Questions:

- What does it mean to truly trust Jesus?
- Why is the gospel good news?
- Can someone believe in Jesus but be ashamed to follow Him publicly?
- How can Christians encourage each other to stay strong?

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

Ask students to write or answer out loud: “What is one way I can be unashamed of Jesus this week?”

OR

Who in my life needs encouragement in their faith?

Prayer & Reflection: Ask God to help your unbelief if there is any in your walk. Depend on Him to transform your life and live confidently in Him and the work Christ has done.

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

Key for Lesson: The gospel is not something Christians should hide; it is the power of God that saves people and changes lives.