

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

Group Discussion for Romans 10:1-13

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

Purpose:

Addresses common misconceptions about salvation & encourages critical thinking about faith, works, and grace

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 – Is Being Sincere Enough?

Discuss:

- Can someone be passionate about God and still be wrong?
- Why wasn't Israel's zeal enough to save them?
- What is the difference between sincerity and truth?

Romans 10:1-3

Have students discuss:

- Zeal
- Truth
- Self-righteousness
- Salvation

Part B – Two Different Paths

Have them discuss works vs faith:

Romans 10:3-4

Discuss:

- Why can nobody earn salvation
- How Christ fulfilled the Law
- Why faith and works cannot both be the basis of salvation

Righteousness by Works	Righteousness by Faith
Earn God's approval	Receive God's gift
Depend on human effort	Depend on Christ
Leads to failure	Leads to salvation
Trust in self	Trust in Jesus

Part C – The Gospel Is Simple and Near

Ask: "What must a person do to be saved?"

Have students look up tie-in scriptures and connect:

- Ephesians 2:8-9 "For by grace you have been saved through faith..."
- Isaiah 43:7 "Everyone who is called by My name,..."
- Psalm 86:8 "There is no one like You among the gods, O Lord, Nor are there any works like Yours..."

Discuss:

- Salvation is not earned
- Jesus has already done the work
- Faith means trusting Christ
- Salvation is available to everyone who believes

Group Discussion Questions:

- Why do people often try to earn God's approval?
- What are some ways people trust in themselves instead of Christ?
- Why is salvation by faith good news?
- How should believers respond to receiving such an undeserved gift?

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

"Am I trusting Jesus alone for salvation, or am I relying on my own goodness?"

OR

Who is one person I can pray for that needs to hear the Gospel?

Prayer & Reflection: Ask God to place someone in your life who needs to hear the Gospel. Practice sharing your testimony and explaining what Jesus has done for you. Pray for courage and opportunities to share the hope of Christ with someone this week.

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

Key for Lesson: Salvation is not earned through effort, religion, or good works. It is a gift of God's grace received through faith in Jesus Christ alone. Whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.