

GROWTH GROUP BRIEFING NOTES

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Title:

A family of obedience

Passage:

Romans 1:1–12; 3:21–26;

5:1–5; 8:12–17

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Welcome to this week's GG Briefing Notes! Thanks for leading this discussion in your group. Do pray that God uses it to help everyone in your group become more like Jesus.

We have suggested below some things to aim for in your discussion. Please don't just read this sheet out to the group! Decide before you start how you'll work towards each aim. Which of our questions will you use (you may not need all of them) – or can you think of better ones? What kind of answers will you be hoping to get from each question?

As you ask questions, keep the aim in mind, and only give hints if you have to. Don't forget to make sure everyone in the group is involved.

1

Aim

To understand the purpose of Paul's ministry and the connection between faith and obedience.

Some Possible Questions

Read Romans 1:1-6

What was the goal of Paul's apostolic ministry?

How does faith relates to obedience?

2

Aim

To explore the results of faith.

Some Possible Questions

Read Romans 3:21–26.

What is justification by faith and why is it important?

How is justification different from peace with God?

Read Romans 8:12-17

Who are the children of God?

What are the benefits of being a child of God?

What difference would knowing your status as a child of God make to your life?

Does it change your views on things like suffering?

What types of suffering are we likely to face today?

Hints

Endurance in suffering is primarily grounded in our relationship with God. We have been justified and received peace. Our endurance is both the work of the Holy Spirit and a result of our relationship with God.

3

Aim

To consider the call to live in obedience through the power of the Holy Spirit and to ask for empowerment.

Some Possible Questions

Paul wanted to encourage the Christian's in Rome. How might we emulate him?

How can we fight against sin with the Spirit? It will be helpful if people could share some of their own battles with, and victories over sin in their lives.

In twos and threes pray together for the Holy Spirit's empowerment to overcome sin.