

# Growth Group Discussion Q's

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**Fun Discussion Starter:** What is one of your favorite foods to enjoy on Thanksgiving? Or is there a particular Thanksgiving dish that holds a fond memory for you?

## “What are we saved TO?” Review:

When we think of salvation, often it is only associated with being saved FROM (judgment for sin). However, salvation also points to what we are saved TO. The gospel is the power of God to transform the individual and form a community of faith in Jesus in which God is glorified and selflessness is the norm.

## What are we Saved FROM?

- Paul dedicates the first 11 Chapters of Romans to explaining the gospel from the perspective of what we are saved FROM: We are saved from God's just judgment for sin (1:18) through faith in Jesus, who paid for our sin through his death on the cross (3:21-23). We now have peace with God (5:1) and the power of sin has been broken (6:22). There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus (8:1).

## What are we Saved TO?

- In Chapters 12-15 Paul then turns to what we are saved TO: **Personal Transformation** (Chp 12-13) and **Radical Community** (Chp 14-15).

## Personal Transformation (Chp 12-13)

- **We Live Intentionally** (read Rom 12:1-2). In what ways are our minds transformed when we are saved? In what ways do believers actively align their lives to the will of God in the world?
- **We Embrace Humility** (read Rom 12:3). Why is humility so important when we consider how to fulfill God's purpose?
- **We Love Genuinely** (read Rom 12:9; 21). How does our love for God and for others demonstrate transformation in our lives? How does this love guide us to act toward our enemies (12:14, 20)? What does this look like in real life?
- **We Live with Integrity** (read Rom 13:1-3, 7). How do our words and conduct in the world demonstrate the plan and purpose of God? How can our actions, when we do not honor social and civil law and authority undermine our testimony about God?

## Radical Community (Chp 14-15)

- **Unity in Acceptance** (read Rom 15:2). Instead of judging one another over matters of Christian practice we are called to accept one another as Jesus has accepted us. Can you think of any examples of disagreements of faith practices in the church? How do we practice acceptance when we believe differently than our brother or sister in Christ?
- Paul calls us to radical community through our willingness to defer the good for ourselves when it may stand as an offense or harmful to another believer (see Rom 14:13, 20). Have

you been in a position to practice this for the sake of another believer? How did it feel when to made the decision to honor another believer's practice though you did not share the same conviction?

- **Glorify in Harmony** (read Rom 15:5-6). On Sunday, Pastor Mark illustrated on the piano the idea that harmony included dissonance. Some notes that are played create dissonance but when other notes are included that create harmony, beauty results.
- How do our diverse lives, each contributing our particular giftedness and convictions, lived in harmony bring glory to God? How is the person and work of God magnified through our "harmony in diversity"?