



GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Talk About It

1. There are two kinds of people; those who read the instructions and those who don't. Which one are you? How prepared are you should a disaster come your way?

Read About It: Luke 5:29-32,6:32; Romans 3:23,10:9; 1Peter 3:14-16; Colossians 2:6-8.

Think About It

2. **Read Luke 5:29-32.** If Jesus walked among us in today's world, what do you think he would be like? Where would he spend most of his time, and with whom would he eat? Who might be his critics?
3. **Read Romans 3:23 and 10:9.** Is everyone a sinner? Can anyone be saved? How?
4. **Read 1 Peter 3:14-16** Should we be prepared to suffer for doing what is right? If asked, can you explain the reason for the hope that you have as a believer? Why is it the way that we explain our hope important?

Do Something About It

5. **Read Colossians 2:6-8 and Luke 6:32.** Think back to when you first accepted Christ, how does doing that help you in your continuing walk with him? How deep are your roots these days? What "nonsense" threatens to capture your attention and distract you from Christ? How can you strengthen yourself for what may come?

Luke 5:29-32

²⁹ Later, Levi held a banquet in his home with Jesus as the guest of honor. Many of Levi's fellow tax collectors and other guests also ate with them.³⁰ But the Pharisees and their teachers of religious law complained bitterly to Jesus' disciples, "Why do you eat and drink with such scum?"

³¹ Jesus answered them, "Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do. ³² I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners and need to repent."

Romans 3:23

²³ For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.

Romans 10:9

⁹ If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

1 Peter 3:14-16 NLT

¹⁴ But even if you suffer for doing what is right, God will reward you for it. So don't worry or be afraid of their threats. ¹⁵ Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. ¹⁶ But do this in a gentle and respectful way.

Colossians 2:6-8

⁶ And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. ⁷ Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness. ⁸ Don't let anyone capture you with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the spiritual powers of this world, rather than from Christ.

Luke 6:32

³² "If you love only those who love you, why should you get credit for that? Even sinners love those who love them!"