

CHARGE Youth Discussion Questions Outline

GRADE
7-12

Date & Week

May 17, 2026 (Wk 4)

Bible Focus

Romans 2:17-3:20

Theme Focus

Religion is not Enough

Discussion Questions

Main Point: Nobody is good enough to get to heaven on their own, even if they know God's rules.

Warm-up questions

1. Can you think of a time when you did the right thing, but for the wrong reason?

Read Romans 2:17-3:20

2. What was the purpose of the law?

3. What do you think Paul is saying about outward religion vs what's happening inside a person?

4. Why do you think people sometimes focus more on looking good than being good? What kinds of "outward" things do people your age rely on to look good (*e.g., image, reputation, social media*)?

5. The passage says no one is truly righteous. How does that make you feel? Surprised, uncomfortable, or something else?

6. If we can't be "good enough" on our own, does that mean we shouldn't even bother trying to be obedient to God?



7. What's the difference between trying to follow rules and actually knowing God?
8. Why do motives matter if the action itself is still good?

Application

9. Why is it sometimes easier to fake goodness than to actually change your heart?
10. What's one practical way you could focus more on your heart this week, not just your actions?

Prayer

Dear God, Sometimes we act like we are better than others, but we forget that we all do wrong things and need your help. Thank you for loving us anyway and for sending Jesus to forgive us. Please help us to be honest about our sin, kind to others, and thankful for your grace every day. Amen.

Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin. Romans 3:20