

Breakthrough Is For You

Small Group Discussion Guide

"Processing..." -- Pastor Mirek Hufton

1. SERMON RECAP

In this message, I walked us through what it truly means to be established in righteousness -- not as something we earn through religion or good behavior, but as a gift God has already placed inside every believer through Jesus Christ. I showed us that righteousness isn't just a theological idea; it's the very foundation of our faith, our prayer life, and our power to overcome. When we get this revelation deep in our spirits, it changes everything -- how we pray, how we serve, and how boldly we live for God.

2. KEY SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NKJV)

"For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."

3. ICE BREAKER

Start here -- keep it light and fun!

Think about a time you got dressed up for a really important occasion -- a wedding, a job interview, a big event. How did wearing the right outfit change the way you carried yourself that day?

4. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Question 1 -- Opening Up the Text

In Romans 1:16-17, Paul says he's "not ashamed of the gospel" because it's "the power of God" and in it "the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith." What do you think it looks like practically for righteousness to be revealed in someone's life over time? Have you noticed this kind of progression in your own walk with God?

Question 2 -- Getting Personal with the Scripture

In 2 Corinthians 7:2, Paul boldly says, "We have wronged no one, we have corrupted no one, we have

cheated no one" -- even though his past included persecuting and killing Christians. What do you think made it possible for Paul to say something like that with such confidence? What would it take for you to have that kind of settled assurance before God?

Question 3 -- Challenging Our Thinking

I said in the sermon that religion is "man's cure for unrighteousness" -- but it doesn't actually work. Where do you see people (maybe even yourself) trying to earn a sense of right standing with God through rules, rituals, or religious activity instead of resting in what Jesus already did? Why do you think that's such a common trap?

Question 4 -- Going Deeper

I talked about how unrighteous acts become a weapon the enemy uses against our faith -- leading to guilt, condemnation, and eventually weak or absent prayer lives. On the flip side, I said righteous actions are also a weapon -- they push back the flesh and keep faith strong. Do you agree with that? Can you share an example from your own life where staying active and intentional for God helped you get through a tough season?

Question 5 -- Wrestling with Reality

I made a distinction between knowing righteousness mentally and having it become a genuine revelation in your spirit. What's the difference between the two in your experience? What has helped -- or what do you think would help -- move something from head knowledge to a deep heart reality?

Question 6 -- Bringing It Home

I said, "The level of your faith will equal the level of your understanding of your right standing with God." If that's true, what might it mean for areas in your life where your faith feels weak or shaky right now -- in healing, finances, relationships, or purpose? What's one thing from this message that you want to grab hold of in those areas?

5. APPLICATION CHALLENGE

One specific, doable step this week:

Pick three righteousness scriptures from this message -- such as 2 Corinthians 5:21, Romans 5:1, or Isaiah 61:10 -- and write them on index cards or in your phone. Every morning this week, read them out loud and follow them with this declaration: "I am righteous before God right now. I have right standing with Him today." Pay attention to whether -- and how -- your confidence in prayer shifts by the end of the week. Come back to group next time ready to share what you noticed.

6. PRAYER POINTS

Close your time together by praying over these specific items:

- For revelation, not just information -- Ask God to move righteousness from something we know about into something we genuinely feel settled in, so our faith can rise to a new level this week.
 - For freedom from guilt and condemnation -- Pray for anyone in the group who is carrying the weight of past failures or mistakes, that the truth of 2 Corinthians 5:21 would break through and bring real peace and boldness.
 - For courage to act righteously -- Ask God to stir up a hunger in each person to use righteous actions as a weapon -- to stay busy for Him, to serve, to give, and to keep moving forward in purpose rather than sitting as easy targets for the enemy.
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7. MEMORY VERSE

Romans 1:17 (NKJV)

"For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, 'The just shall live by faith.'"

Leader tip: Don't feel pressure to get through every question. Watch the room -- let the conversation breathe. Your job isn't to deliver information; it's to create a space where people feel safe enough to be honest. The Holy Spirit will do the rest!