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Redeem It by Faith

Small-Group Study Guide | Sunday, November 1, 2026

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PAGE 1 — LESSON SUMMARY & DISCUSSION

1. Summary of the Lesson

The lesson teaches that God's promises are received through faith in Christ rather than through an attempt to earn righteousness or force outcomes through human effort. Romans 10 contrasts righteousness pursued through the law with the righteousness that comes by faith. The word of faith is near—in the heart and in the mouth—and the response of believing and confessing is central to salvation. The lesson uses the picture of redeeming a gift card or reward points: what is available must still be accessed and used. Believers are encouraged to trust Christ's finished work, remain in Him, meditate on Scripture, speak from genuine faith, and persevere through opposition.

2. Lesson Objective

To help participants distinguish striving to earn or manufacture God's promises from responding to God in faith; to understand the relationship between believing, confession, dependence on Christ, and perseverance; and to identify practical ways to bring God's Word into their hearts, speech, and daily choices.

3. Discussion Points

I. Salvation and Wholeness — Romans 10:1; Mark 10:52

The lesson highlights the breadth of the biblical idea of salvation and uses Bartimaeus as an example of faith receiving Jesus' restoring work. The Greek verb translated "made thee whole" in Mark 10:52 is related to the New Testament language of saving or rescuing. The lesson applies the picture of wholeness—nothing missing or broken—to the areas of life where we seek God's help.

Exposition question: What do Romans 10:1 and Mark 10:52 show about the importance of salvation and the role of faith in Bartimaeus's encounter with Jesus?

Personal application question: Where are you presently asking God for His restoring help, and what would trusting Him look like in that area?

II. The Trap of Self-Reliance — Romans 10:3–6; James 2:10; Hebrews 4:11

Paul warns against trying to establish one's own righteousness instead of submitting to God's righteousness. The lesson contrasts reliance on personal performance with receiving righteousness through faith in Christ. Entering God's rest does not mean doing nothing; it means acting from trust and dependence on Him rather than trying to earn what only He can provide.

Exposition question: How does Romans 10:3–6 contrast righteousness based on the law with righteousness that comes by faith, and how does James 2:10 underscore the limits of relying on perfect law-keeping?

Personal application question: In what part of your life are you tempted to make things happen through anxiety, control, or self-reliance instead of acting from trust in God?

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III. Righteousness by Faith: Believe and Confess — Romans 10:8–10

The word of faith is near—in the heart and in the mouth. Romans 10:9–10 describes believing in the heart and confessing with the mouth in relation to salvation. The lesson applies this pattern by encouraging believers to receive God's Word inwardly and let their speech reflect genuine trust in Him. Confession is not a formula for controlling God; it is an expression of faith grounded in His Word and in Christ.

Exposition question: According to Romans 10:8–10, what is the relationship between the heart's belief, the mouth's confession, and salvation?

Personal application question: What promise or truth from Scripture do you need to take to heart and allow to shape the way you speak about your circumstances?

IV. Remain in Christ and Persevere Through Opposition — 1 Peter 5:8; Zechariah 4:6; John 15:5

The lesson acknowledges spiritual opposition but emphasizes that believers are not to respond in fear or self-sufficiency. God's work is accomplished by His Spirit, and fruitful living depends on abiding in Christ. Vigilance and perseverance are therefore joined with reliance on God rather than confidence in human strength.

Exposition question: How do 1 Peter 5:8, Zechariah 4:6, and John 15:5 together teach believers to be alert while depending on God's Spirit and Christ?

Personal application question: What opposition or discouragement is making you want to give up, and what would it mean to remain connected to Christ rather than rely only on your own strength?

V. Put the Word in Your Heart and Mouth — Proverbs 29:18; 2 Corinthians 4:13; Psalm 67:5–6

The lesson offers practical habits for cultivating faith: find what Scripture says, meditate on it, picture its application in daily life, ask God for wisdom and vision, speak the Word sincerely, and respond with praise and thanksgiving. The goal is not empty repetition or pretending difficulties do not exist, but allowing belief in God's Word to shape speech, hope, conduct, and worship.

Exposition question: How do Proverbs 29:18, 2 Corinthians 4:13, and Psalm 67:5–6 connect vision, believing and speaking, and praise?

Personal application question: Which one practice—Scripture meditation, sincere confession, renewed vision, or praise—will you intentionally put into action this week?

Closing Reflection

Where might you be striving to earn what God calls you to receive by faith? What specific Scripture will you meditate on, believe, and speak this week? Close by praying for hearts rooted in Christ, faith shaped by Scripture, and lives that depend on the Holy Spirit.

PROMISES UNLOCKED! — SCRIPTURE REFERENCE SHEET

PAGE 3 — FULL SCRIPTURES (KING JAMES VERSION)

Romans 10:1, 3–10

1 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.

3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

5 For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them.

6 But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:)

8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Mark 10:52

And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.

James 2:10

For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.

Hebrews 4:11

Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

1 Peter 5:8

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

Zechariah 4:6

Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.

John 15:5

I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

Proverbs 29:18

Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

2 Corinthians 4:13

We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;

Psalm 67:5–6

5 Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

6 Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us.