



JUST START
talking
INTRODUCING JESUS INTO YOUR CONVERSATION

Living out the gospel
Studies in Romans 9-16



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Subjection to authorities | 1 Peter 2:11-3:7

What are some contemporary attitudes towards authorities? What is the underlying reasoning?

Read 1 Peter 2:11-3:7.

What relationships are described in this passage?

What are good ways to live out these relationships? What might that look like for us, practically?

What are bad ways to live out these relationships? What might that look like for us, practically?

In what way does Jesus' suffering help us to live out these relationships well?

How will the way we live out these relationships affect the opinion of pagans?

Suffering evil | 1 Peter 3:8-22

How do you instinctively respond when you suffer evil from another?

Read 1 Peter 3:8-22.

How is Peter's instruction for suffering evil contrary to our instinct?

How is choosing to suffer evil, related to fear and being frightened?

How is choosing to suffer evil, related to people asking us the reason for the hope we have?

How does Jesus' cross-work help us to suffer evil well?

How does Jesus' present position at God's right hand help us to suffer evil well?

Just start talking #1

Just start talking #2

Just start talking #3

Mercy not birthright | Romans 9:1-29

Is there anything you have 'inherited' (in the broad sense) as a result of your birth? (Traits? Characteristics? Habits?)

Read Romans 9:1-29.

How does Paul explain the (general) failure of Israel to embrace righteousness in Christ?

How is God's election seen in Israel's history?

How does God's election express the gospel of grace?

How is mercy humbling?

How is mercy reassuring?

How does God's mercy affect you?

Christ not law | Romans 9:30-10:21

When have you gone the wrong way?

Read Romans 9:30-10:21.

How have the Israelites gone the wrong way?

What is the difference between righteousness by law and righteousness by faith in Christ?

How do you think your life would be different if you pursued righteousness by law? Or if you pursued righteousness by faith in Christ?

What part does sending people have, in seeing people become righteous by faith in Christ?

What part can you play in sending people?

How does the Israelites' response to the good news show us that salvation is ultimately God's work?

Humility not arrogance | Romans 11:1-36

What is one thing you take pride in (but really, you shouldn't)?

Read Romans 11:1-36.

In what sense are we indebted to Israel?

What should our attitude be, towards the Israelites that are not saved?

What does this say about our attitude towards any who are not saved?

How should our 'ingrafting' shape our attitude to God?

How are you going with avoiding arrogance and remembering humility?

How are you going with praising God?