

### **In conversation:**

15. What could you actually say to answer the question whilst **taking people to Jesus**?

16. What could you say in order to ensure that your answer allows you to **take the initiative**?

17. Where are you hoping the conversation will go in order that you can then **take people to the cross**?

### **Pray**

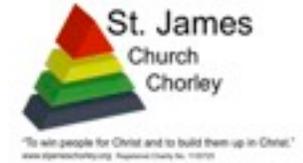
Pray that God would give you opportunities to tell people the good news about Jesus and that when questions arise you might be able to put into practice the things we have been learning.

Pray for those who seem closed to the gospel because they think that being good is all we need. If you know people like this then pray particularly for them that God would help them to see their sin and need of a saviour.

Continue to pray for the Real Lives Mission, for the publicity and for opportunities to invite people to the Real Lives meetings and other events.

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## **Intentional Week 4**



*Please ensure you have read chapter 8 (i.e. pages 71 to 80). The notes have been prepared using the ESV translation.*

*This study mostly consists of using the approach in Intentional to think about how to answer two different questions people might ask.*

### **Good enough?**

1. We are looking at the question which Paul considers at the start of chapter 8 - "You get to heaven by being good don't you? Have you have ever had people say something like this to you? How did the conversation go?"
2. Why do you think people ignore God for most of their lives and yet will talk of heaven and how people get there when someone dies?
3. Why do Christians believe that being good is not good enough for heaven?
4. Do you believe you are not good enough for heaven?
5. Why do you think people believe that they are good enough?

6. If you have answered question 3 then you have done the basics of **preparation** Paul recommends. But how might the **conversation** proceed if you just gave your answer to question 3?

### Read Mark 10.17-31

7. Who does Jesus say is good?

8. How does Paul suggest that this passage can help us **take people to Jesus**? (see p75-78) (Think about how we are helped in answering the question but also in showing the importance of Jesus.)

9. How does Paul suggest that we can **take the initiative** from this passage? (see p79)

10. Assuming that you managed to ask the question on page 79 “have you ever considered how Jesus can deal with the problem of not being good enough?” and got a suitable response, what might you then say to **take people to the cross**?

11. Can you think of other Bible passages you might have turned to in order to follow through Paul’s three principles whilst answering the question we started with?

### Over to you

*As a group now tackle another question that is not in the book. Your leader should suggest a question based on the earlier studies. Write it down here at the end of study 3.*

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*Before the meeting try to answer as many as you can of questions 12 to 17 below. If you get stuck, even at the first one, don’t worry just be honest, jot down what you can and wait for the meeting, after all, we are learning together.*

### In preparation:

12. What do you think is the answer to the question above?

13. If you have got a basic answer then what Bible passages might you turn to support your answer?

14. Which of the passages from your answer to question 13 will best help you in following Paul’s three principles?