Facilitator:

1. Open with Prayer

2. Welcome any newcomers

3. Try to keep your discussion to an hour and a half at the most.

**Facilitator**: Encourage your members to **BRING THEIR BIBLES** and use them during Connect Group.

**CONNECT Group study questions for October 29, 2017**

**Title: Done Deal**—Romans 3:27-31

**Read**: Romans 3:27-31

*27 Where then is boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? Of works? No, but by a law of faith. 28 For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law. 29 Or is God the God of Jews only? Is He not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, 30 since indeed God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith is one.*

*31 Do we then nullify the Law through faith? May it never be! On the contrary, we establish the Law.*

**Review**: Read through the outline from Pastor Peppy’s sermon, *Done Deal,* and share what God revealed to you from the message.

**Question**: How do you respond when someone points out a good work you have done or something about you to be admired and you know deep down the reason is Christ in you and not you yourself?

 How do most people respond when you do give God the credit?

**Question**: The Apostle Paul asks and then answers his own question: “By what kind of law? Of works? No, but by a law of faith.”

 Which is easier, to live under a law of works, requiring specific do’s and don’ts, or a law of faith guided by love?

Why do you suppose people who live under a law of faith tend to drift away from faith through grace for a false sense of security in the law of works?

**Question**: When Martin Luther read Romans 3:28, he discovered the law of works could not save him. His justification before God became a personal reality by faith alone in the finished work of Christ. It changed his life and redirected the course of human history.

 How has the doctrine of justification by faith alone in the finished work of Christ changed your life? Share your testimony with the group.

**Question**: Verse 29 makes it clear that God is the God of Gentiles and Jews. In Paul’s day, that included every person in the world. Today we may think Evangelicals, or Baptists, or select conservative denominations have a corner on God’s grace.

 What can we do to present the good news of faith alone in Christ alone to people who are not like us? How far can we extend ourselves to reach people where they are?

 Read 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

 Choose a people group and discuss ways to reach them with the gospel.

**Question**: People under the law of do’s and don’ts are usually proud of their goodness, have given up on being good, or have become satisfied being in the top 50 percent on a goodness scale.

 If we don’t “nullify the Law through faith,” and join those who have given up on being good, how do we use the law of faith to “establish the Law” (ie. The 10 Commandments)? **Facilitator**: Have a group member read Galatians 3:23-29. Then, discuss the idea of using the Law as a tutor to lead us to obedience.