

# ROMANS

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## SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

EAST ABBOTSFORD CAMPUS

OCTOBER 6, 2019

### INFO AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Have you heard about Northview's Leadership Conference, happening October 18 and 19 at the Downes Road Campus? Anyone and everyone who serves at Northview is invited to attend! For more information and to register, visit [northview.org/leadership2019](http://northview.org/leadership2019) (Note: to receive a free lunch on Saturday, register before October 9!)
- There is a Child Dedication class happening at the Downes Road Campus (for families from the Downes Road and East Abbotsford Campuses) on October 19. Child Dedications will take place on November 10. For more information and to register, visit [northview.org/child-dedications](http://northview.org/child-dedications)
- Membership Classes are happening at the Downes Road Campus on Wednesday nights - October 9, 16, and 23. Sign up at [northview.org/membership](http://northview.org/membership)
- We are hosting our first ever New to Northview event at the East Abbotsford Campus on Sunday, October 27. If you are new to our church, please join us during Connect Time (10:15-11:00am) for a chance to get to know some people, as well as hear from Pastors Greg, Thaleia, and Jeff.

### RESOURCES FOR ROMANS

#### Suggested Devotional / Personal Bible Study Resources:

*Romans For You* (Tim Keller): A 2 Volume set  
[www.thegoodbook.com/romans-for-you-set](http://www.thegoodbook.com/romans-for-you-set)

#### Commentaries:

R.C. Sproul, *Romans: An Expositional Commentary*, 2009.

Douglas Moo,  
*The Letter to the Romans* (New International Commentary on the New Testament, 2018).

Douglas Moo,  
*Romans* (The NIV Application Commentary Book 6)

### LEADER NOTES

#### Suggested Timing for a 2 hour meeting:

**Connection:** 30 Minutes (visiting / snacks / announcements / ice breakers)

**Content:** 30 Minutes (Observation and Interpretation questions):

**Commission:** 10-15 minutes (Application questions)

**Care:** 15-30 minutes (Sharing and Prayer)

**Connection:** 15-30 minutes (visiting / snacks)

#### LEADING SERMON-BASED DISCUSSIONS:

- Read the scripture passage(s) together as a group.
- Direct people back to the text if they are going on rabbit trails or talking about opinions and speculation, by asking, "Where do you see that in the text? What answer does the text provide for that question?"
- As you transition to prayer time, pray through the issues and ideas that the text brought up.

### ROMANS SERMON SERIES

Our Fall Sermon Series in Romans is highly practical! In Romans 1-11 Paul provides a theological framework for the Christian Faith. Now, in the final section of this letter, he gives the church in Rome specific examples of how this faith should be lived out.

**Benefits of this series:** It will feel highly practical for all of your group members. Romans 12-16 will force them to reflect on how their faith impacts their everyday life.

**Potential pitfalls of this series:** It is easy to fall into moralism and legalism when we focus on what we should and should not do if we are Christians. Keep this in mind! The sermon discussion questions will aim to remind us of the gospel truths behind each command.

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## Observation

*This section is aimed at helping people observe the details of the text: what is written, what words or ideas are repeated and emphasized, the text's structure and how this text fits into the wider context of the book of Romans.*

1. Read Romans 12:13-16 together as a group.
2. What are the things Paul is telling the church to do? What is he telling them not to do?
3. Who are the "THOSE"?
4. Revist Romans 12:9. In light of genuine love, why does Paul include these commands in Romans 12:13-16?
5. What does it mean to bless and not curse.

## Interpretation

*This section is aimed at linking the current text to other texts or to the bigger biblical narrative. If you are running out of time, feel free to skip this section.*

1. According to Proverbs 25:21-22 how should we respond to our enemies?
2. Read Matthew 5:43-48. What does Matthew record Jesus teaching about responding to enemies and those who persecute you?
3. Read Luke 23:32-43. How does Jesus respond to being persecuted?

## Application

*This section is aimed at helping people apply what we have read in the text to our lives. It is intended to foster more open-ended discussion as people connect the text to their everyday life, and reflect on how it changes the way they think and act.*

1. Which of these commands seems the most counter cultural?
  - a. Which of these is the biggest challenge for you?
2. Why might we have a hard time associating with the lowly?
3. Have you ever experienced passive or active persecution for your faith? How could you bless/ be a blessing to the people who have done these things?
4. What could you personally do to practice hospitality?