

ROMANS

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SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

EAST ABBOTSFORD CAMPUS

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INFO AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Northview is running many different courses this winter/spring.
 - DivorceCare/ DivorceCare for Kids: 13wk seminar starting **January 14**
More information and to register see: northview.org/courses
 - Gospel of John Bible Studies for Men and Women
Start the week of **January 13**. Register at northview.org/men or northview.org/women
- Next Seasons Luncheon is happening **January 31**. More information to come.
- Next Praise and Prayer night will be **February 8**.
- Sign up for Northview's Newsletter at northview.org to never miss another event.

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

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 15:14-21.
2. a) What is Paul convinced of with regards to the Roman Christians?
They are full of goodness, filled with knowledge, and competent to instruct one another (v14).
b) Why did Paul still need to write to the Romans?
To remind them of the truths they had learned about (v15) and also because of the duty given him by God to be a minister of the gospel, that the Gentiles might be a sanctified offering (v15-16).
3. a) What has Christ accomplished through Paul?
Leading the Gentiles to obey God (v18).
b) How can this come about?
By what Paul said, by the power of signs and wonders, and ultimately, through the power of the Spirit of God (v18-19).
4. What is Paul's ambition?
Preaching Christ where He was not known, not upon another foundation.

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. a) Read Romans 10:11-15.
What is the progression that needs to be in place for people to come to belief?
send -> preach -> hear -> believe -> call on Him (v14-15).
b) How do we see this progression in action in Paul's ministry to the Gentiles in Romans 15:14-21?
Paul is sent to the Gentiles, whom he preaches the gospel to, that they might hear, believe, and call upon Christ for salvation.
c) Read Colossians 1:24-29.
How committed is Paul to the ministry which God has given Him?
Very committed, willing to suffer for the sake of those who do not yet know (v24).
 - *He views himself as a servant (v25)*
 - *He strenuously contends with all the energy Christ works in him (v29)*

d) How does this attitude towards the mission of God encourage or challenge you?

Varying answers

2. a) Read Romans 15:17-18.
What does Paul glory in?
 - *Christ and his service to God (v17)*
 - *What Christ has accomplished in bringing the Gentiles to salvation (v18)*b) Read Philippians 3:1-3.
How does this text relate to Romans 15:17-18?
Boast in Christ, rejoice in the Lord; nothing else is worth boasting in.
c) i. Read Galatians 6:12-16.
What are some people tempted to boast in?
The Galatians may be tempted to boast in the outward law-keeping ie. circumcision (v12)
ii. How is Paul's boasting different?
Paul will boast only in the work that Christ has done through the cross (v14)
d) What are we tempted to boast in other than the work of Christ?
Varying answers

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. What truths of Scripture do you need to be reminded of?
Various Answers
2. In what ways can you begin to share the gospel where you are already involved (ie. at work, in the home, at the gym, etc.)?
Various Answers
3. How are you working towards being better equipped to share the gospel with others? How can you grow in your comfort of sharing the gospel with those who do not know?
Various Answers
4. Think of people who do not yet know Christ and spend time praying for opportunities to share the gospel with them and for the Spirit to open their eyes.