

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. Those include: **DivorceCare/ DivorceCare for Kids:** 13wk seminar starting January 14th
More information and to register see: northview.org/courses
- **Next Seasons Luncheon is happening January 31st.** Tickets will be on sale this weekend at all services.
- Next Praise and Prayer night will be February 9 at 5:30pm.
- 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 16:1-16.
2. What words do you see repeated frequently in this passage?
3. What types of diversity can you observe in this passage?
4. What names - among the people that Paul greets - do you recognize?
 - a) Why do you think Paul greets so many people he may never have met in person?

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. Without the help of a Commentary or Study Bible, we would likely not notice that the names Paul gives indicate different social status, race, and gender in the group he addresses.
 - a) What does this tell us about the church in Rome?
 - b) What does it tell you about the body of Christ in general?
2. Read Galatians 3:23-28.
 - a) What does this passage teach us about the identity of Christians?

b) What happens to a person's old identity (i.e., do men stop being men, or women stop being women etc.)?

c) What does knowing people's identities contribute to our understanding of the church?

3. Read 1 Cor. 16:19, Col. 4:15, Philemon 2.
What do these verses tell us about the structure of the church at the time?

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. How can we help make Northview the kind of church that reflects the incredible diversity we see in the Roman church?
 - a) What are some things that would need to change in our worship services to be more welcoming to people from other ethnic heritages?
 - b) What are some things that would need to change in our programs to help people from different demographics (young, old, married, single, etc.) serve the Lord together?
2. What is one thing you can commit to doing, that would make our church welcoming?
 - a) What is one thing you can commit to doing that will encourage your Christians brothers and sisters?