

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

Review of Romans 1-10

Passages: Selected passages (see below).

Introduction: John walked through six points in summary of Romans 1-10.

John situated us amid the turmoil we experience in international and national news with the reminder that we are people of promise as those who believe in Jesus. Christians have an unshakeable hope amid every circumstance because we can be still and know that He is God (Psalm 46:10). Redeemer's vision is to equip, multiply and send out courageous witnesses in our congregation, other churches in Rockford, and to new frontiers around the world. **Romans helps fortify our faith as we live as Jesus' witnesses in the world.**

Questions: I start with a question that meditates on the gospel. Then John's first five points with key passages for each and a question to consider (point six is a transition to next week's sermon).

- **Read Romans 1:16-17, 3:21-26, 5:1, 8:28-34.**
 - Where do these passages point our attention for finding salvation, lasting hope, and power to sustain through life?
 - What core gospel truths do you draw strength and encouragement from on a regular basis?
- 1. **Our moral collapse collides with the Creator (Rom 1:18-19, 21-24a).**
 - Where is there evidence of moral disintegration in the relationships and settings you are in (family, workplace, neighborhood)?
- 2. **Rescue is not a DIY project (Rom 2:12-13; 3:10-12; 19-20, 23).**
 - Do you have any questions about the biblical idea of total moral inability and total depravity apart from the saving work of God? How do you see people trying to earn their way back to God (family, neighbors, co-workers)?
- 3. **Jesus' righteousness rescues the world through faith (Rom 4:3-5, 13, 16; 5:18-21).**

The glorious center of the gospel!!! Christ's perfect law-keeping, atoning death, and powerful resurrection. By faith, we receive forgiveness of sin and imputation of Christ's righteousness.

 - We started by reflecting on these glorious truths, are there any questions that linger in your mind about how we receive salvation?
- 4. **Union with Jesus breaks the power of sin (Rom 6:1-4, 7, 11-14).**
 - Why should union with Jesus lead us to fight against sin and pursue holiness?
- 5. **The abiding Spirit secures assurance and hope (Rom 8:1, 9-11, 15-16, 38-39).**

The Spirit reminds us that in Christ we are fully known by God and fully loved by Him as well.

 - How is it going with living with joy and humble confidence as you draw strength from the Spirit's assurance?