

INTRO & PRAY

What's something that impacted you from reading the Bible or the sermon?
Pray for our mission partners and your time in the Bible

READ

READ ROMANS 3:1-20

1ST RESPONSE

From a first read, what are some things you found interesting?
What seems important? What questions do you have?

STRUCTURE

1. Take a couple of minutes on your own to look back through the passage.
How could you break it down into 2 or 3 smaller parts?

[2-5 minutes of thinking time - whatever people need]

a. In pairs, come up with a passage breakdown. What's in each bit?

[2-5 minutes of discussion time - whatever the pairs need]

b. Let's have a couple of pairs share. What's in each bit?

[Ask 1-2 specific pairs, then pick a breakdown to work with]

ZOOM IN

[For each part of your breakdown ask questions a. & b. below]

a. What do you notice in this section?

c. What kind of impact could this have? On them? On us?

Suggestions and prompts.

Write down the questions that Paul asks. Why might he be asking each one? How would you answer them? How does Paul answer?

What's at stake with God's faithfulness?

ZOOM OUT

As we zoom out, what seems to be at the heart of this passage for us?

What are some key truths this passage teaches? (about universal human guilt, God's faithfulness, the extent of Jewish privilege?)

DEEP RESPONSE

How do you think God is calling you to respond to this passage? in your faith, your life, or your week?

How might we be tempted to think we need to earn our way to be right with God? (Can you think of example when you've drifted into this thinking?)

Paul really wants us to know our desperate need for salvation. Why might this be important for all Christians not just new converts?

Do you reflect much on your need for forgiveness, what might that look like in your prayer life?

PRAY

Pray as a group from the passage - perhaps have everyone write a prayer confession our ongoing need for forgiveness and things to repent of.
Pray in your smaller prayer groups