

Romans 3:1-20 Reflection & Group Questions

Personal Reflection and Application*:

Reread the passage above and answer the following questions:

1. How do you feel about Paul's claim that "all [are] under sin"? Why do you feel like that?
2. How do you see the effects of your sin on your life, your thoughts, and your relationships?
3. (!) How do you respond to the truth that God sought you out before you sought him out? What difference will it make to you?
4. Why do rebels need the gospel? How would you explain this to someone who rejects the existence of God?
5. Why do good people need the gospel? How would you explain this to someone who thinks they are good enough for God?
6. (!) Why do you need the gospel? How do you remind your heart of this when it is tempted to feel pride about goodness or despair about sin?

Group Discussion Guide:

Reread the passage above and select which items below to discuss. All of them are optional:

1. Reread Romans 3:1-20. As a group come up with a **one-sentence summary** for each of the 2 sections (3:1-8 and 3:9-20).
2. Look back over our group's summary sentences (from #1) and compare them again with the content of the two sections of the passage. Are there any statements in the passage that do not fit into our summary? If so, which ones? Explain the difficulty in making these statements fit in our summary?
3. Review your answers to the personal reflection questions above. Share one of your answers to one of the questions with us.
4. Based on the way this passage is effecting you, what can we pray for you about or rejoice with you in?
5. The personal questions mentioned people who need the gospel (namely, everyone include us in this group). But besides the people in this group, who are you concerned about, praying for, and conversing with that needs to be savingly transformed by the gospel? Don't tell us their name, just their relationship to you, (ie. "a friend from work", "a student in my class", "my mother", etc.). **Let us pray for them and each other.**