

Leader Conversation Guide - XXVII - Romans (Part I)

Main Idea

This week Pastor Chris shared a message with us from the book of Romans. When we read the Bible as a mirror instead of a window, it has transformational power in our lives. The key points of the book of Romans are: "There is no one righteous not even one" (3:10); "All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God" (3:23); "When we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly" (5:6).

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. ROMANS 1:16

Make It Practical:

- 1. Jesus is Lord
 - Romans 1:5
 - o Matthew 28:18-20
 - o John 14:15
 - Galatians 2:20
- 2. God hates sin. (Romans 1:18)
 - God hates sin because it elevates us above God and it hurts people.
 - We live In an era where people are actively suppressing the truth.
 - We are reaping the results of a society that has been rejecting God for decades.
- 3. God defines His creation. (Romans 1:19-20)
- 4. Worship God alone. (Romans 1:24-27)
 - Sex is reserved for a man and women who are in a covenant relationship called marriage.
 - 1 Corinthians 6:18-20
- 5. The Gospel has the power to save us. (Romans 1:16)

Talk About It

- How do you understand the concept of God's wrath in relation to His character of love and mercy? How does this understanding influence our perspective on sin and righteousness?
- "People exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator." In what ways do you see this exchange happening in today's society? How can we as individuals and as a church actively resist this temptation and remain focused on worshiping God alone?
- How can we practically live out Romans 1:16 in our daily lives? What are some ways we can be unashamed of the gospel and effectively share it with those around us, both in our immediate circles and in the broader community?

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments."

Prayer

Father, in a world where the truth is often suppressed and where sin abounds, help us to stand firm in Your Word. Give us the courage to boldly proclaim Your truth, even in the face of opposition. Holy Spirit, grant us wisdom to discern and resist the temptations of this world that seek to distract us from worshiping You alone. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Leader Tip

Remind Group Members about our Good Friday Night of Worship coming up at the end of this month. Who can you invite to be part of this special evening?