

INTRO

As we open up the book of Romans together, our prayer is that you would read it as if Paul was writing to you. Paul has experienced radical life change, and writes a warm and personal greeting as a fellow believer who is eager for all to experience the same life changing power of the Gospel. Through the book of Romans, Paul equips the believers with basic theological truths for the journey of life.

Each Week ::

First, spend time on your own reading through the assigned chapters of Romans.

- Ask the Lord to reveal Truth to you.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to open your eyes to things you haven't understood before.

Second, come to Life Group pumped and ready to share what God revealed. Gathering with your group is a time where you can come to share, not only to receive.

- Share what you learned.
- Share how you received encouragement.
- Share what was challenging.
- Share how something you learned shifted how you lived that week.

Paul says in Romans 1:12 [NLT] "When we get together, I want to encourage you in your faith, but I also want to be encouraged by yours."

Our prayer for this time together in Life Group is that all would be mutually encouraged as each individual brings encouragements, convictions and questions to share from their time spent with Jesus throughout the week.

WEEK ONE

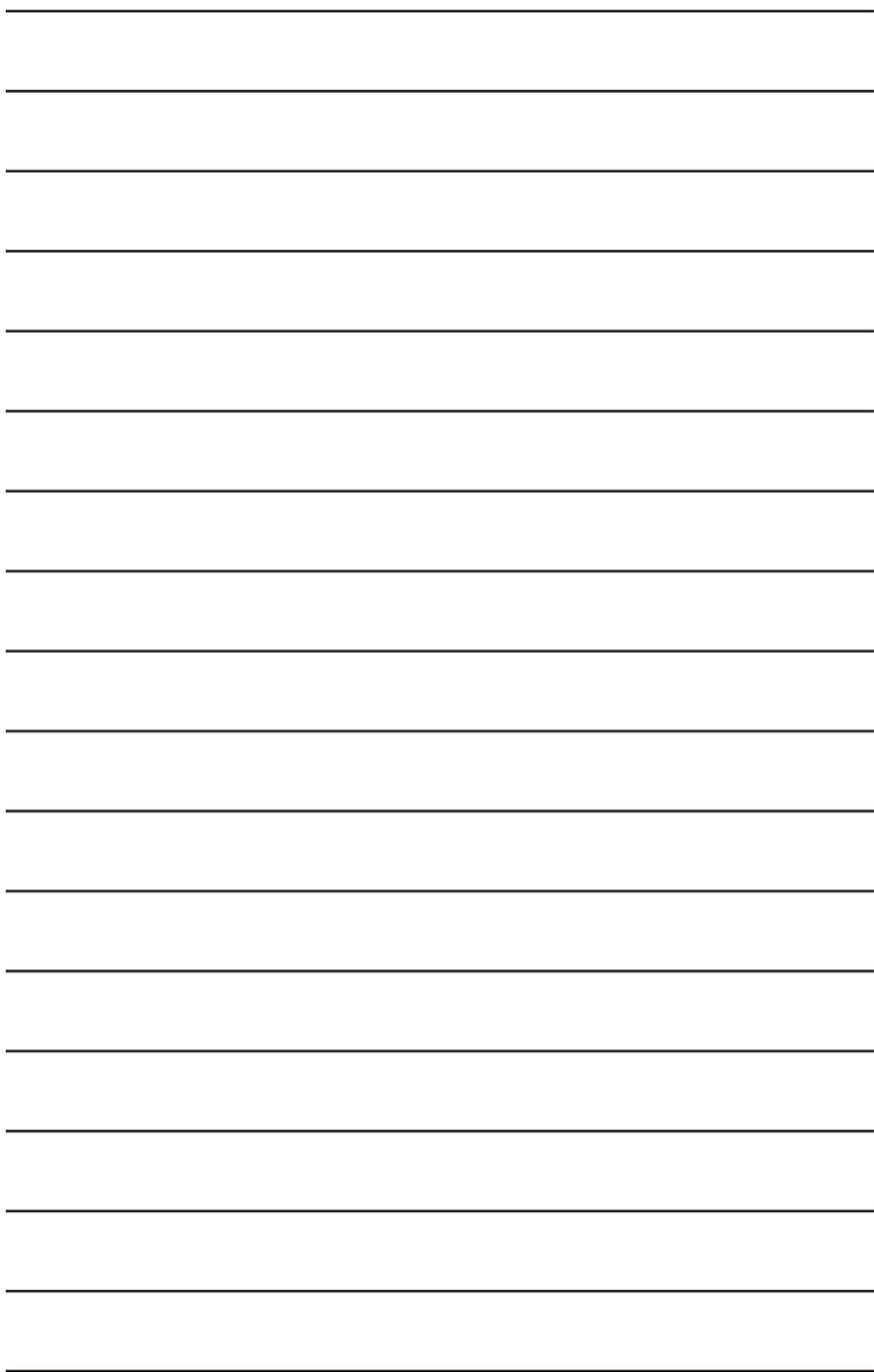
On Your Own ::

Read Romans 1.

- What is an apostle?
- How would you describe a servant of Christ? Does that description mirror your life?
- Who gave Paul authority?
- Have you ever had a time where you have felt broken over your sin?
- What benefit is there to being in community with other believers? How are we to support each other? [1:8-13]
- How do we become righteous?
- What was different about the righteousness Paul was talking about? How does it differ from a righteousness by the Law? [1:17]

With Your Life Group ::

- How were you encouraged in this chapter of Romans?
- How were you challenged in this chapter of Romans?
- God has given us the privilege and authority [1:5] to share the Good News. How does that shift the way you interact with those around you?
- Paul tells of his desire to come and work among the Christians in Rome to see spiritual fruit [1:13]. His desire to see life change through the Gospel was evident. Is this desire present in your life? What spiritual fruit do you see around you? Share and celebrate with your group!
- What have you thanked God for this week? How



WEEK TWO

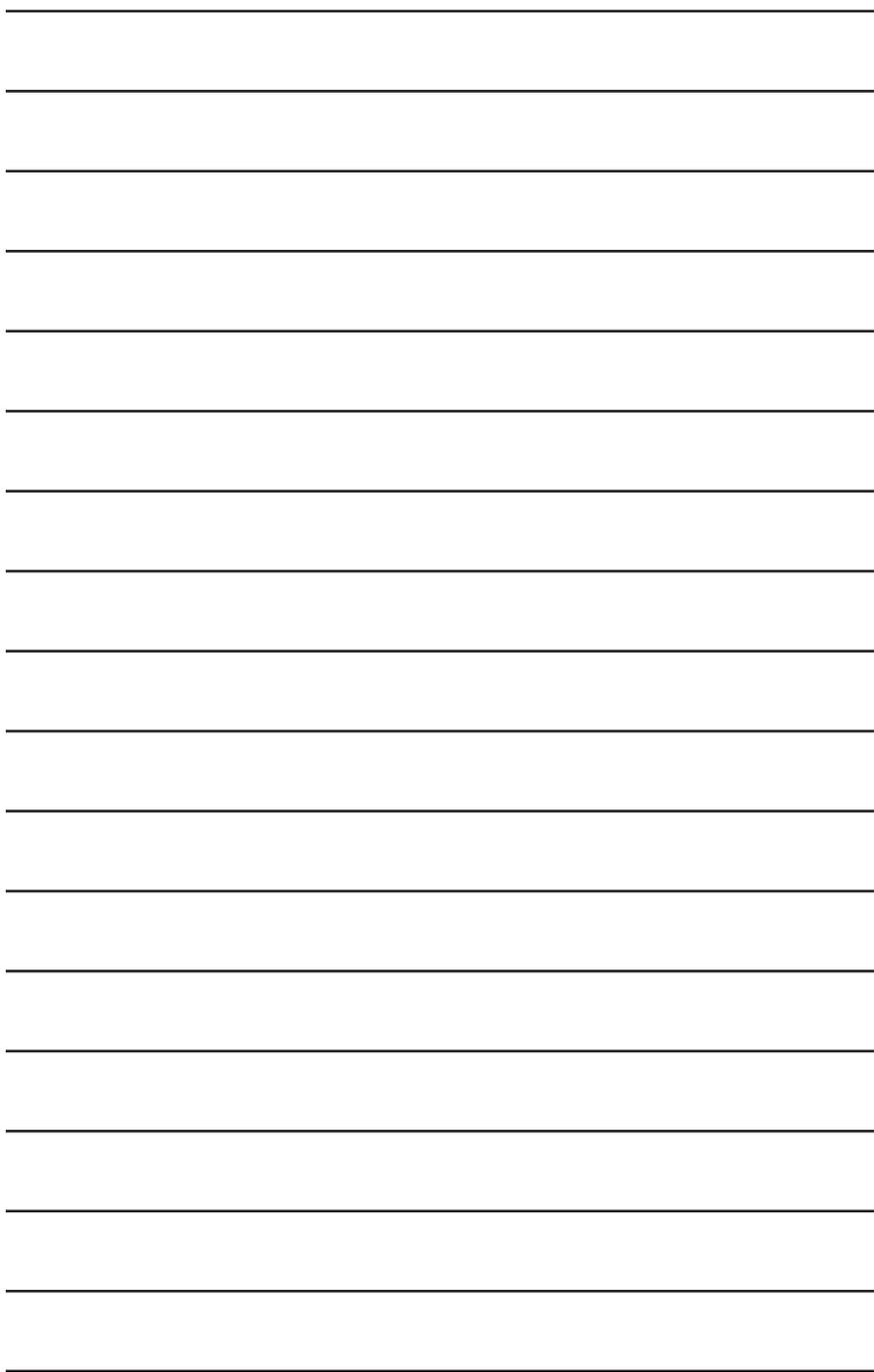
On Your Own ::

Read Romans 2:1-3:20.

- What is God's judgment based on?
- What causes you to judge?
- What is the difference between judging someone and holding someone accountable? [Matt.18:15-17, Gal. 6:1-2, Col. 3:16]
- Who will experience eternal life? How? Who will experience God's wrath? [2:7-8]
- What do these verses say about hearing and doing the Word? [2:12-13]
- Why was circumcision important? What did it signify? [2:25-29]
- What is circumcision of the heart?

With Your Life Group ::

- How were you encouraged in this chapter of Romans?
- How were you challenged in this chapter of Romans?
- How has a judgmental spirit caused you to miss an opportunity to minister?
- How in your life has God's kindness led you to repentance?
- True circumcision is a changed heart produced by the Spirit [2:29], which inspires our actions. If our heart has been circumcised, then the world around us will know Him by our actions. How is this true in your life? How is this not true in your life?



WEEK THREE

On Your Own ::

Read Romans 3:21-4:25.

- What do these verses say about sin? [3:1-8]
- Have you ever felt superior to others?
- What reality does Romans 3:10 show us?
- What is the root cause of sin? [3:11-18]
- What is the purpose of the Old Testament law? Is it to be disregarded now that Christ has come and we are “free from the law”? [3:19-20 & Matt. 5:17-20]
- How are you made right? [3:23-26]

With Your Life Group ::

- How were you encouraged in this chapter of Romans?
- How were you challenged in this chapter of Romans?
- In a world that struggles with striving [perfection, money, affirmation, success] how does Romans 3:27 shift your focus to obedience through faith?
- Only when there is a need for a Savior is there true desperation for one. Share an experience from this past week that reminded you of your need for a Savior.
- What promise of God speaks to you in your current challenge or discouragement? Share this promise from scripture with your life group.
- How has the Gospel driven your actions this week?

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WEEK FOUR

On Your Own ::

Read Romans 5.

- What truth do you see in Romans 5:1-2?
- What does suffering produce? Why does God allow this in the life of a believer?
- How does our understanding of what merits love compare to God's standard? [5:6-8]
- Why is there sin in the world? Why is there death? How can we be saved from it? [5:12-19]

With Your Life Group ::

- How were you encouraged in this chapter of Romans?
- How were you challenged in this chapter of Romans?
- How does Romans 5:7-8 influence the way you interact with the people around you?
- What does the comparison of Adam and Jesus reveal to you about God's plan of redemption [clearing a debt]?
- Adam's one act of disobedience in the garden brought condemnation for all, but Christ's one act of obedience brings you the opportunity to have a right relationship with God and new life. What does this reveal to you about obedience? about disobedience?

Romans 5:3-5 [NLT] says "We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our

