

1. **SERMON REFLECTION: SOMEONE READS THE PASSAGE FIRST:** Then Someone gives a brief (5 minute tops) recap/summary of Sunday’s sermon
  - a. **Main Point: Only God’s gospel is the true gospel, & only the true gospel can bring dead sinners to life.**
    - i. **Introduction:**
      - (1) Romans has shaped the course of human history by impacting many figures in Church history: Augustine, Martin Luther
      - (2) The reason that this book did that is Roman’s main theme is the also the main point of the entire Bible: the good news (gospel) of God is the knowledge of Jesus Christ
    - ii. **Jon’s Grand Points of the Text**
      - (1) The gospel belongs to God
      - (2) The gospel is defined by God
      - (3) The gospel is used by God (to bring dead sinners to life)
  - b. *“What convicted/impacted you personally about Sunday’s sermon?” The leader is willing to go first*

2. **LEARN: What does this section of scripture teach us?**

- a. **Introduction:**
  - i. Have you read Romans? If so, what stood out to you?
  - ii. Can you describe the Theme of the whole Bible?
  - iii. The Book of Romans was a big reason behind the Reformation, which split nations, churches and families. Has your standing/proclaiming the gospel caused division in your life?
- b. **1<sup>st</sup> Point: The gospel belongs to God**
  - i. What are some of the ‘false gospels’, i.e. the false good news? What do all false gospels have in common?
  - ii. Why is it important to start off any understanding the Gospel with God being the source of good news?
  - iii. What must we know before we can appreciate the “Good News”?
    - (1) How does that manifest itself in our lives?
    - (2) What two commands summarize all of God’s law?
    - (3) What two images summarize the “bad news”?
  - iv. Why did Paul use this idea as part of his introduction to a church that he has never met?

c. **2<sup>nd</sup> Point: The gospel is defined by God**

- i. What first point do we need to understanding how God defines the “good news”?
- ii. Why do we need the good news?
- iii. What are the best summaries of that foundational understanding?

d. **3<sup>rd</sup> Point: The gospel is used by God (to bring dead sinners to life)**

- i. What eventually happens to someone who does not receive and keep the ‘good news’?
- ii. What is our only hope? Why?
- iii. Has God brought your heart and mind ‘back to life’? Describe your “Damascus Road” experience.

3. **Homework/contemplation/meditation:** *What one thing will you do this week share the gospel?*

4. **Closing:** *Praying for one another [use the prayer cards]*