

Discussion Guide

Week3 | Romans 1:8-17 | September 27, 2026

I. Opening Prayer

- Ask the Holy Spirit to help your group learn and hear what He would teach and encourage

II. Weekly Sermon Discussion (20-40 minutes)

- Read the scriptures, and discuss what stood out to you.
- Engage with one another by reflecting and sharing what our Church is learning together.
- Example insights and questions are provided to help generate discussion if needed.

Focus your conversation on the scripture and how it applies to you. Be careful of straying off the topic, and if you do, encourage one another to ask “How does this scripture apply to this?”.

Read the Passage

Read Romans 1:8–17

The Unashamed Believer Lives With Gratitude

- Read Romans 1:8. What stands out to you about Paul beginning with thanksgiving?
- How could thanksgiving change the way you respond when circumstances do not go as planned?

The Unashamed Believer Prays for Others

- Read Romans 1:9–10. What is the difference between talking about someone, worrying about someone, and praying for someone?
- How might praying for someone change your heart toward that person?

The Unashamed Believer Understands That We Need One Another

- Read Romans 1:11–12. What does Paul’s desire to both strengthen and be encouraged by the Romans teach us about Christian community?
- Where do you need to allow other believers to encourage or minister to you?

The Unashamed Believer Knows He Has a Responsibility to Share the Gospel

- Read Romans 1:13–14. What does Paul mean when he describes himself as being “under obligation”?
- How does thinking of the gospel as something entrusted to us affect the way we view evangelism?

The Unashamed Believer Is Ready

- Read Romans 1:15. What is one practical step you can take this week to move from hesitation to readiness?

The Unashamed Believer Knows the Gospel Is the Power of God

- Read Romans 1:16. Why does Paul say he is not ashamed of the gospel?
- How is the gospel different from simply giving people advice or information for improving their lives?
- What does it mean that the gospel is “the power of God for salvation”?
- Are there situations where you are tempted to be embarrassed or quiet about your faith? What would it look like to trust the power of the gospel in those situations?

The Gospel Is for Everyone Who Believes

- Read Romans 1:16. Who is someone you might be tempted to overlook who needs to know that the gospel is for them?

The Gospel Reveals the Righteousness of God

- Read Romans 1:17. What would it look like for you to live, serve, pray, and share the gospel by faith this week?

III. Share & Prayer (20-40 minutes)

Time to ‘take off the mask’! Jesus doesn’t want us to be hypocrites who wear masks.

- A personal life update, your current spiritual condition. Use emotional language to be real!
- Challenges or victories that you are experiencing
- What’s really going on in your life? How are you doing? How can your group pray for you?
- Are there applications from the Discussion that you need prayer support?
- How can your Group support you this week?

When sharing prayer requests, include your personal prayer needs. Example – rather than simply sharing “Please pray for my friend’s cancer journey”, include personal prayer: “Please pray as I’m struggling with my friend’s cancer journey, and I need guidance on how to encourage her in this season”.

Have someone, or everyone, close your time out in prayer for one another.