

Life Group Discussion Guide

Week of November 1st | Romans 3:1-8

Groups should care, learn, and pray together, using these questions as a guide to respond to God.

Questions

1. Think of a time when someone "interrupted" your explanation with a "Yeah, but what about…?" question. Why do you think we're so quick to look for loopholes or exceptions?

2. Read Romans 3:1–2. Paul says Israel was *entrusted* with the very words of God. What's the difference between *having* something and being *entrusted* with it? What spiritual privileges have you been entrusted with, like a Christian home, God's Word, or a church family?

3. Being around the truth doesn't mean the truth is in you. Where are you most tempted to confuse *access* to God's truth with actually *responding* to it?

4. Read Romans 3:3–4 and 2 Timothy 2:13. How does it encourage you that our unfaithfulness doesn't change God's faithfulness? How could someone twist that truth into an excuse?

5. Paul quotes David's confession in Psalm 51, where David agrees with God's verdict instead of making excuses. Why is it so hard to simply say, "God, You're right," about our sin? What excuses do we usually reach for instead?

6. God's judgment is *part* of His faithfulness, like a faithful doctor, friend, or parent who tells us the truth. Has God ever been "faithful" to you through a hard truth or a consequence? What happened?

7. Read Romans 3:5–8 and Romans 6:1–2. Grace is a *gift*, not a *loophole*. Think about the continuum of Legalism ("I have to"), License ("I don't have to"), and Love ("I want to"). Which way do you tend to drift, and what does that look like in everyday life?

8. Personal reflection: Doing wrong to get a good result is really an attempt to take God's place. Is there an area where you've been justifying something because "it worked"? What would it look like to do what's right and leave the results with God this week?

Closing prayer prompt: Have I come to the end of myself and finally seen my need for a Savior? Pray together, thanking God for His faithfulness and asking Him to make grace produce an "I want to" in each of you.