LifeGroup Shepherd Guide

Feb 26th and March 1st, 2026: Romans 3:1-8

This guide is designed to give helpful hints in preparing for your group discussion.

Quick Review

Look back from your sermon notes – Was there anything that particularly challenged you from this sermon? Anything you didn't understand, agree with or connect with?

Introduction

Have you ever had the thought, "I know exactly what you are thinking?" Why did you think that and what topic was it about? Were you right or was your assumption wrong?

Digging In

Question 1: Read Romans 3:1-4. How do you see the argument that Paul is using here that human failure could nullify or cancel out God's faithfulness? Why do you think Paul is trying to get us to see that this argument is important in addressing because of how the human mind and heart work? Why do you think people assume that widespread human unfaithfulness undermines' God's faithfulness? How have you tried to measure God by human standards? How does Paul get us to see that using that frame of mind is foolish?

Question 2: Read Romans 3:5-8. Paul starts using "human" arguments that he admits are silly and twisted. But the human heart starts to think of ways to justify sin, even if we would never say this out loud. How does Paul show God's justice towards sin and us in these verses? What happens to God's perfection/holiness if we excuse our sin for the sake of other outcomes? How do you make similar justifications for your own sin? How does this passage allow you to dismiss such illogical arguments you have over your own sin?

Application

Where do you see people today questioning God's faithfulness because of human failure. Church leaders, other Christians, or even themselves?

God has entrusted His Word to us – **2 Timothy 3:15-16.** What are you doing with the Word of God that has been entrusted to you?

In what ways does this passage call us to greater humility and run away from sin?

Use these biblical references to God's faithfulness:

Deuteronomy 7:9, Psalms 106:6-8, Hebrews 10:19-23, 1 Thess 5:23-24, 1 John 1:9-10

Praise / Prayer Requests

Pray for your group with these things in mind:

Adoration – How can I praise God for what this teaches me?
Confession – What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?
Thanksgiving – How can I thank God for what Jesus has done?
Supplication – What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?