

LifeGroup Study SheetMarch 12th and 15th, 2026: Romans 3:21-31

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

If you received a "not guilty" verdict on something completely trivial, like stealing the last slice of pizza or skipping out on going to the gym, how would you celebrate your acquittal?

Digging In

Question 1: Read Romans 3:21-24. The first point Pastor Jeff makes in this passage is what we are "justified (declared righteous) by His grace." This is a legal term or standing. Because justification is a done deal, a verdict already declared, how should that change the way you talk to yourself when you mess up during the week? What would it look like to preach that truth to yourself? Verse 24 says justification comes "freely." It cost us nothing but cost Jesus everything. In what area of your life right now do you most need to rest in that "freely," rather than trying to earn your standing before God?

Question 2: Read Romans 3:24-26. The second point this passage points out is that we are "redeemed (sin debt paid) by His blood." The word "redemption" in verse 24 comes from the marketplace of slavery. It means a ransom price was paid to set someone free. What does it tell us about the seriousness of sin that God didn't simply overlook it, but required a payment? What does it tell us about Jesus that he willingly became that payment?

Think about a debt you've had in your life, whether it was financial, relational, etc. Have you ever had the relief of having it paid or forgiven? How does that feeling, even dimly, point to what Jesus has done with your sin debt before God? In what ways do you still live as if the debt hasn't been paid? How should the identity of "redeemed person" change the way you approach your work, your relationships, or your struggles this week?

Question 3: Read Romans 3:25-31. The last point Pastor Jeff talked about from this passage was that "my sins are propitiated (God's wrath is satisfied) by His sacrifice." Paul says God presented Jesus as a "propitiation" (v. 25); a sacrifice that completely absorbs and satisfies God's righteous wrath against sin, so that none of it remains directed at those who believe. Why does it matter that God's wrath was not just set aside or ignored, but fully satisfied? And what difference does it make in your daily life to know there is now no wrath left for you, only the face of a Father?

Application

1. The truth of the Gospel is offensive!
2. Salvation is in Christ alone, by grace alone, through faith alone.
3. We have been bought with a price, therefore we must Glorify God! (I Cor. 6:20)

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?