



Sermon Discussion Guide

September 14, 2025 | Romans 3:1-8 | Jerrod

SUMMARY

Big Idea: God is perfectly faithful to a faithless people

In God's courtroom, Paul is getting close to the verdict and sentencing (that comes next week). In our verses, you kind of have "closing arguments," where Paul addresses 3-4 quick rebuttals or objections in just 8 verses. What simmers to the surface is the truth that God's faithfulness to his promises of salvation and judgment. God will act in accordance with his word and nothing can thwart his purposes.

Leaders: I found Tim Keller's paraphrase of these verses insightful (the book I gave you at the beginning of the series, pages 65-66)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Intro:

1. How have you seen and experienced God's faithfulness this week, this year, this decade?

Read Romans 3:1-2

2. In the OT and in the first century, what were some advantages of being a Jew?
 - a. What are the benefits of this advantage? What are the dangers of this advantage?
 - b. How do these realities apply to you?

Read Romans 3:3-4

3. Has God remained faithful, even when Jews, often do not believe or obey him? How?
4. How is God faithful both to judge and to save?
5. What lengths has God gone to, to demonstrate his faithfulness to save?
 - a. How does this encourage you today?

Read Romans 3:5-8

6. How would you summarize these two objections? How does Paul correct them?
 - a. In what ways are you tempted to give yourself permission to sin, because, after all, isn't God's grace and mercy greater than my sin – doesn't my sin help God's righteousness shine brighter?
 - b. Where are you tempted to live as if, "The ends justify the means"?
7. Personally, as you've engaged others with the gospel, what objections have you encountered in the last 2-4 weeks? How did you respond? How could this group help?

KINGDOM IMPACT - MULTIPLY

1. **Pray, Think, and Act.** Share any developments and updates in the areas below:
 - a. **Reach** – That God would use you to lead 1 person to faith in Christ;
 - b. **Belong** – to multiply opportunities for others to be brought into community
 - c. **Serve** – to begin serving, invite others into serving, or multiplying serving efforts by meeting needs or blessing neighbors or ministry partners together as a group
 - d. **Gather** – to multiply the church (planting, revitalization, helping other churches)