



Sermon Discussion Guide

September 21, 2025 | Romans 3:9-20 | Hector

SUMMARY

Big Idea: The truth of our sin is God's ongoing kindness to remind us of our need for the Savior. In God's case against humanity (1:18 - 3:20), our passage delivers God's verdict, the conclusion and the truth of our fallen, sinful status. This truth, in God's kindness, is designed to lead us to repentance. Such repentance, moves us from self-trust and self-righteousness, and postures us aright to see, receive, and rejoice in Jesus, and the good news of his gospel.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Intro:

1. Do you consider yourself to be a good person? Why?
 - a. How has your answer to that question changed over the years?

Read Romans 3:9-20

2. What seems to be Paul's main point in these verses? How do you know?
 - a. Who is included in this verdict?
 - b. How pervasive is our sin problem? What areas of our lives are addressed?
 - c. Is this an easy message to receive, or a hard pill to swallow?
3. How is this teaching a demonstration of God's kindness?
 - a. How is this radically different than the world's understanding of what it means to be kind and loving?
4. Paul writes Romans to Christians. Why is the truth about our fallen sinful nature needed, not only for unbelievers, but also for Christians?
 - a. Which ditch are you more likely to fall into – pride in your own goodness, or despair over your sin? How does the gospel save us from both?
5. Why do we, by nature and reflex, default to thinking of ourselves as "good"? Why does our flesh automatically get defensive? Why do we argue and insist on our own relative goodness?
 - a. Where have you done that this week? How does that measure up to gospel?
6. One key implication of these verses is to get us to stop looking at ourselves and look to Jesus instead. What practical steps can you take this week to shift your focus from yourself to Christ?

Takeaway Exercise: Ask the Intro question #1, to your kids, neighbors, coworkers, etc..

- a. How will they likely respond? What gospel opportunity did you just open?

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)