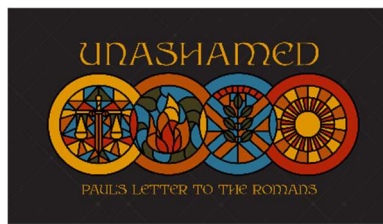


EQUIPPING SEASON: MARCH 1-29

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Sermon Discussion Guide

February 15, 2026 | Romans 11:13-24 | Jerrod

SUMMARY

Big Idea: **A Right Understanding of God's Character Produces Humility and Reverence**

Paul has spent a good deal of time explaining the past and current unbelief of Israel. Turning to our verses, his focus shifts to God's dealing with Israel in the present and future, while giving clear instruction for how Gentiles should respond. Through these verses, the Lord is calling us know both His kindness and severity, and to respond and live in reverent fear, without arrogance.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (A*) = A MORE APPLICATION-ORIENTED QUESTION)

Intro: What is the difference between the following two statements? Discuss content, as well as the underlying heart postures, desires, and potential outworkings for how each would inform your actions. *"God, save me, a sinner!" - VS - "What's wrong with those sinners!"*

Read Romans 11:13-24

1. Who is Paul addressing in these verses?
 - a. What does he want them to know? (learn, grow in, guard against, etc)
2. "Do not become arrogant" (11:18), "Do not become proud, but fear" (v20)
 - a. Why does Paul think the gentiles would be susceptible to arrogance and pride?
 - b. What reasons does he give for why this contradicts the gospel?
 - c. (A*) When are you susceptible to pride of any flavor? When are you susceptible specifically to a sense of spiritual superiority?
 - d. (A*) How does the gospel apply to that disposition?
 - e. (A*) Have you ever asked those closest to you - "Where do you see pride in me?"
 - i. (A*) If yes - how did that conversation go? What was the result? Have you ever asked again?
 - f. (A*) How do you respond to the thought of giving such an invitation?
 - g. (A*) Is it possible that others might see something about you that you do not see?
3. "Note then the kindness and severity of God.." (11:22).
 - a. Are these contradictory attributes? What other attributes of God seem to be contradictory? (Mercy/Wrath, Love/Judgment)
 - b. (A*) Why or How can we tend to separate these, preferring one or emphasizing one over the other? What effect or fruit does that produce?
 - c. Why must both remain together?
 - d. (A*) What effect should keeping them together have on us? How should it posture, motivate, and encourage us?

Spring 2026 Equipping Season

Each of the 5 Sundays in March at 9:00a

Class Descriptions

How to Study Your Bible 101

Men with Jerrod/Jim and Women with Dayna

Studying the Bible should be one of the greatest joys of the Christian life, yet many believers feel unsure about how to read Scripture with clarity, confidence, and depth. "How to Study your Bible 101" is designed to change that. In this class, you'll learn simple, proven tools for understanding any passage, seeing the big idea of a text, tracing the story of Jesus through all of Scripture, and applying God's Word to real life. This course is for every believer, not just teachers, who want to grow in faith, deepen their convictions, and handle Scripture with greater confidence. Whether you hope to teach someday, lead a small group, disciple others, or simply read the Bible with more insight, this class will give you the foundation you need to study God's Word faithfully and fruitfully.

Equipped to Care: A Biblical Theology

Coed, with Jason Grant

Pain-filled. Lowly. Sickly. Suffering. Disenfranchised. Needy. Hurting. Have you ever paused to note how frequently and extensively the inspired Gospel writers give attention to Jesus' physical and working ministry of caring for the poor, hurting, and sick? It's truly spectacular. Our Savior spent a lot of time attending to the "fringes" of society while proclaiming the Gospel News. The Bible is also stacked with countless examples of Christians suffering for their faith in Jesus. Come join us for a 5-week study looking into the Scriptures, learning how Christians' words, actions, time, prayers, physical demeanor and even facial countenance while caring for others plays a role in giving God extraordinary glory as well as advancing Gospel hope to hurting people.

The Christ of the Psalms

Coed, with Brad Miller

Many Christians love the Psalms, which is why it is so sad that they are frequently misunderstood. Most often, our error comes from our impulse to insert ourselves as the hero of the story. **What** are the Psalms about? Or should I say, **Who** are the Psalms about? How should we read, understand, and apply the Psalms in a manner that is consistent with Jesus and the New Testament authors? In this class, you will be equipped with general interpretation principles for reading the Bible, with specific emphasis and application to understanding the Psalms. No homework or extra books are required, though several resources will be recommended during the class. Come ready with your Bible!

Kingdom Impact Conversations

Coed, with Andrew Eller

We've been called as Christians to have impact in our world for the Gospel. One of our values, as a church, is to have "Kingdom Impact," that we should understand that we are called to a movement of believers living on mission. But sometimes it's hard to determine what that means in our own lives. During this class, we will take areas of our lives and talk through what it means to work for kingdom impact there. How we can impact our homes, our community, our workplaces, and more for Christ. Come together to get encouraged and inspired to take the next step to live with the kingdom in mind.

Relational Discipleship

Coed, with Billy Daws

This class will explore one of the most honest and relational pictures Jesus ever used to describe our life with Him: the Shepherd and the sheep. We will examine why Scripture repeatedly calls believers "sheep," what that reveals about our dependence, and how true spiritual growth comes not from self-direction, but from learning to hear His voice, trust His leading, accept His correction, and rest in His protection. This class is designed to help believers move from striving to surrender, from independence to intimacy, and from wandering faith to confident, relational discipleship under the care of the Good Shepherd.

Gospel Fluency

Coed, with Ariel Cocian & Joe Lucero

What if the Gospel wasn't just something you knew, but something you spoke? Our 5-week equipping class, based on Jeff Vanderstelt's book, **Gospel Fluency**, is your chance to get fluent in the language of the Good News. It's all about learning to talk about Jesus in a way that feels natural, not forced. You'll learn to naturally talk about Jesus in any situation with your friends, your family, or even to yourself when you're feeling stressed or overwhelmed. We'll show what it means to live and breathe the Gospel, seeing it not just as a story from the past, but as a real-time reality that changes everything about who you are and how you live. Join us to get real, practical advice and hear stories of how the Gospel isn't just a Bible story, but a truth that can change your life. Let's learn to speak Jesus into the everyday.

In His Image

Women, with Summer Childress and Lisa Fulghum

In this women's equipping class, we'll study *In His Image* by Jen Wilkin as we explore the character of God and what it means to reflect Him as His image-bearers. Through Scripture and discussion, we'll examine key attributes of God and how knowing Him more deeply shapes the way we live. This class is designed to help women grow in biblical understanding, deepen their faith, and pursue Christlikeness in everyday life. No purchase required.