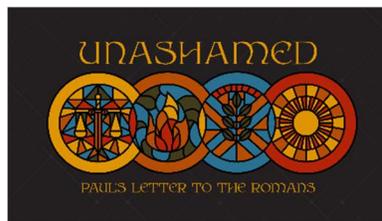


**\*EQUIPPING SEASON: MARCH 1-29\***

See Below (pages 2-3) for class descriptions and encourage your group to sign up today!



# Sermon Discussion Guide

February 22, 2026 | Romans 11:25-36 | Jim K

## **SUMMARY**

Big Idea: **God's Mercy Humbles Our Pride, Secures our Hope, and Directs All Glory Back to God**

Paul wraps up this mini-section of chapters 9-11 by summarizing the main points, and allowing the concluding spectacle of God's mercy move him to exuberant praise. Paul shows that God sovereignly governs redemptive history in such a way that both Jewish unbelief and Gentile salvation ultimately serve the purpose of magnifying His mercy. No one can boast in this plan, as God has consigned everyone to disobedience, in order to demonstrate His own lavished mercy. Our hearts should join with Paul - humbled in awe and responding in praise.

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

**Intro:** When was the last time you were amazed by something? What? When?

### **Read Romans 11:25-32**

1. What "mystery" does Paul want his readers to be aware of?
2. How does Israel's hardening serve God's bigger, redemptive purposes?
3. In what way has God "consigned all to disobedience"? Why has he done this?
4. In saying that God will "have mercy on all," is Paul teaching that everyone will be saved?
  - a. How does Ro 1:16-17 and 10:12 help us understand what Paul is saying here?
5. (A\*) How does this teaching keep us from being "wise in our own sight" (v25)?

### **Read Romans 11:33-36**

6. How would you describe what Paul writes here?
7. Specifically, what does Paul extol about God in these verses and how does it connect to what he has been teaching in the preceding verses/chapters?
8. (A\*) Paul moves from analysis to awe, from theology to doxology. Do you ever get stuck in analysis in your study of God? Why? Is there a danger with getting stuck there?
  - a. (A\*) How can you, or anyone, get 'unstuck' and press through to praise?
9. (A\*) When you think about salvation, do you see God not merely as the giver, but also the goal? (i.e. all glory to him)
10. (A\*) Is salvation more about us or about Him? What does it look like when we get this wrong/right?
11. (A\*) How should these verses shape your week?

## 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.