Home Group Questions the week of 9/24/2017 ROMANS STUDY - INTRO

GETTING STARTED...

This past Sunday, Pastor Mel began his series on Romans 12-16 but began the series by giving an intro of the book leading up to Chapter 12 with key verses from Chapters 1-11.

LOOKING IN THE WORD...

HOMEGROUP: Each point corresponds to Romans chapters 1-11. For each "TRUTH POINT" ask these questions: 1) What does the truth point tell us about our God and His nature/character, 2) How would you expect unbelievers to question/object to/ struggle with this truth point? (For example for Point 1.."Don't people have an excuse who have never heard the gospel of Jesus?")

1. TRUTH: Those who REJECT GOD are without excuse (Human Responsibility) (verse 20)..

Romans 1:25 Because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

2. TRUTH: We FALL SHORT of righteousness even according to our own concience (standards).

Romans 2:15 They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them.

- 3. TRUTH: We fall short according to God's STANDARD. Romans 3:23 For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
- 4. TRUTH: Salvation has been by <u>FAITH</u> from the very beginning.

Romans 4:3 For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness."

5. TRUTH: Our sin debt has been "PAID IN FULL" and we have been set free.

Romans 5:1 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

6. TRUTH: A faith that SAVES you is a faith that changes you! Romans 6:1-2 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?

7. TRUTH: Change is a SPIRITUAL BATTLE as God works within us and WITH us!

Romans 7:21-23 So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. 22 For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³ but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind.

8. TRUTH: God's GOOD NEWS continues as He sovereignly works in our lives.

Romans 8:1;28 (1) There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus...

(28) And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good,[a] for those who are called according to his purpose.

9. TRUTH: God is the SOVEREIGN GOD and we are not.

Romans 9:17-18 For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth." 18 So then he has mercy on whomever he wills, and he hardens whomever he wills.

10. TRUTH: The content of our faith in Christ is to trust him as LORD and SAVIOR.

Romans 10:9-10 If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

11. TRUTH: Any attempt to add the simplest of WORKS to the gift of grace destroys it.

Romans 11:6 But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace.