



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Discovery 101** – Our next Discovery 101 class is NEXT Sunday, 2/26 at 3 pm. Join us! We discuss the beliefs, strategy, structure and vision that are the foundation of Southwinds, and underlies membership here. Sign-up on the App, website or at the Information Table. Contact Rene Snyder at rsnyder@southwinds.org with questions.
- **Baptism** – Our next baptism is scheduled for Sunday, March 5th at 3 pm. If you are interested in taking this step in your faith journey, please register on the App, website or out at the Info Table in the lobby. If you have any questions, please contact Rene Snyder at rsnyder@southwinds.org.
- **Paid Childcare Providers Needed** – Our Wednesday and Friday evening Life Groups are growing, and childcare needs are increasing. If you have a gift or desire for childcare, please contact Talanna Williams at: twilliams@southwinds.org or (209) 765-1122. Must complete training requirements. This is a paid opportunity – Adults: \$25/hr., Students: 15-17 \$15/hr., Students: 13-14 \$10/hr.

MY STORY

**How has the Romans Road to Salvation been a part of your walk with God?
(Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23, Romans 5:8, Romans 10:9-10)**

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

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Why should we study Romans?

- Romans is the most complete explanation of the gospel in the entire Bible.
- Everything you need to know to continue in a right relationship with God is found in Romans. Romans is incredibly rich in Christian doctrine.
- God has used Romans powerfully throughout the history of the church.

Have you gained any personal insights from your own study of The Book of Romans?

Have A Volunteer Read: Romans 1:1, Matthew 6:24, Acts 20:24, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, 7:23

Point #1: IDENTITY – Who are you?

“So many people deal daily with an existential crisis. They don’t know who they are. They don’t know why they’re here. So much anxiety and restlessness. It’s not an accident that the more our culture tells people they’re free to determine their own identity, the more anxious and fearful people become. Determining your own identity and purpose is exhausting. But the good news is, you don’t have to do it. God has identity and purpose for us. He just asks us to receive it.” - **Michael Nolen**

What has shaped your identity more – how the bible sees you or how the world sees you?

Why is it important to go to the Bible for our identity?

“You won’t know who you are until you know WHOSE you are. And so when Paul says he’s a servant, a slave of Christ Jesus, what he’s saying is, I belong exclusively to Jesus. I’m fully devoted to Jesus. Jesus has no rivals in my life. Doing his will. Obeying his word. I’m Jesus’ slave... no arguments, no questions, no rivals. I belong to him. I’m going to lose my life. I know that. But my life’s not my greatest value. My greatest value is Jesus and his gospel.”
- **Michael Nolen**

Why is it important to identify yourself in Christ first, before you can reference yourself as a slave for Chris?

Have Another Volunteer Read: Galatians 1:15-16, I Timothy 1:12-17

Point #2: PURPOSE – Why are you?

“And what we’ll see, starting next week, is that Paul’s greatest ambition is to preach this gospel where Christ has not been preached before, and so he’s aiming towards Spain... Romans 15. Paul will say my aim is to go to Spain and preach the gospel where it’s not been preached. That’s central to why he’s writing Romans. But today, all God’s children have a God-given purpose. So the question is, what’s your purpose? We’re not apostles. But everyone who knows the Father through the Son has been called. That’s all over the NT.
– **Michael Nolen**

How has God's grand purpose, his love for the world, gripped you?

Share some examples of how you have made God's purpose your purpose.

APPLICATION

Take time this week to examine your life and determine which path to Jesus you are on.

PRAISES

PRAYER REQUESTS