



GRIPPED BY THE GOSPEL

ROMANS

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Why Do We Need the Gospel? (Part 2): Romans 3:1-20

Questions for Study and Group Discussion

*** Before you begin, please read Romans 3:1-20 as a group*

1. Icebreaker: Has a look in the mirror ever “saved you” from embarrassment when going out with friends? (E.g. hair a mess, food in your teeth, etc.) Share any stories that come to mind.
2. In this message, Pastor Jeff talked about how Romans 3:1-20 helps us to “look in the mirror” at ourselves. Explain what this means in your own words.
3. Why is it important to “look in the mirror” spiritually at ourselves like the Apostle Paul has us do in Romans 3:1-20?
4. Focus on 3:10-18. Make a list of all the words that point to our minds, desires, and parts of the body. What “bottom line” point is Paul making in these verses?
5. How does 3:1-20 reinforce the sinfulness of sin and what that means for you personally?
6. What does Paul mean when he says “through the law we become conscious of our sin” (Rom 3:20)?
7. How can a follower of Jesus take their sin seriously but not be hopeless about it? (Hint: See Psalm 51; Romans 8:1; 1 John 1:9.)
8. What can you do this week to apply something you read from this passage or heard in the sermon?
9. What other questions or comments do you have about what you looked at in the Bible today?
10. **Challenge – Memorize Romans 3:20:** Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God’s sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.