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ABOUT DRIVETIME DEVOTIONS SMALL GROUP STUDIES

Welcome to this special Drivetime Devotions Small Group Study. This three-volume, 17-week study on Romans is designed so that you can enjoy Drivetime Devotions as a podcast throughout the week and then talk about it with your small group. This will allow for more time in your small group for discussion, application, and fellowship.

The purpose of Drivetime Devotions is to help you know God's Word and put it into practice. Here at Saddleback Church, we believe it's better to study small sections of God's Word each day instead of a larger section once a week. Studying the Bible is like eating—you'll be healthier if you eat small amounts each day rather than one big meal a week! Episodes are designed to be listened to once per day, five days a week. In the event you miss a day or two, you can still stay on schedule.

In Drivetime Devotions, Pastor Tom Holladay teaches God's Word and helps you put it into practice. With over 30 million downloads, Drivetime Devotions has built a reputation for changing lives and helping people grow closer to God. There are three ways you can access this podcast study on Romans:

1. Click on the link at the start of each session of this study guide.
2. Download the Drivetime Devotions app to your phone or tablet. Go to "Devotions" and select "Romans."
3. Go to drivetimedevotions.com/devotions/romans.

HELPFUL TIP

Depending on your device settings, you may need to select the **PLAY BUTTON**  or the **UNMUTE BUTTON**  on the Drivetime audio player when it is fully loaded.

This is the second of three volumes in a 17-week study on the book of Romans.

VOLUME 1: Romans 1–6, six-week study

VOLUME 2: Romans 7–11, six-week study

VOLUME 3: Romans 12–16, five-week study



HOW TO USE THIS INTERACTIVE STUDY GUIDE

This study guide is designed to be used as a downloaded file on your tablet or phone. You do not need to print it out, unless you want to. Throughout the guide, you will see areas where you can type directly into the guide. There are also convenient links that direct you to external resources including Scripture passages on [BibleGateway.com](https://www.biblegateway.com).

HELPFUL TIP

For best experience on Android platforms, please view this interactive study on Adobe Acrobat Reader.





A FEW TIPS BEFORE YOU DIG IN



LISTEN

Prepare yourself before each study by listening to each week's five daily podcast episodes.



CATCHING UP & LOOKING AHEAD

Open each meeting with a time for everyone to check in on each other's progress with the podcast. Accountability is a key to success in this study!



KEY VERSE

Each week you will find a key verse from the chapter you are studying. You may want to memorize this verse together as a group.



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

These are questions for group discussion. Please don't feel pressured to discuss every single question. The material in this study is meant to be your servant, not your master. Therefore there is no reason to rush through your discussions. Give everyone ample time to share their thoughts.

Some questions will reference the verses from which they are taken. Many groups will want to have someone read those verses accompanying the question. There is something powerful about hearing the Bible read aloud together as a group.



LIVING ON PURPOSE

This section helps you encourage each other in balancing God's five purposes of evangelism, discipleship, fellowship, ministry, and worship. Each week, there will be a prayer, practical action, or personal assignment that focuses on one of these purposes.



PRAYING TOGETHER

At the end of each session you will find suggestions for your group prayer time. Praying together is one of the greatest privileges of small group life. Please don't take it for granted.

A FEW TIPS BEFORE YOU DIG IN

Get ready for God to do incredible things in your life as you begin the adventure of learning more deeply about the most exciting message in the world: the truth about God!



TELL A FRIEND

As you go through each session, the Holy Spirit may bring to mind different people in your life. You may even want to write their names down beside a point, phrase, or verse in the margins. Take the opportunity to share God's Word in a friend's life during the week.



WEEK SEVEN: Romans 7



LISTEN

Use this space below to type any notes or thoughts you may have had while listening.



CATCHING UP & LOOKING AHEAD

1. How did it make a difference to pray, “Lord, this is an offering,” as you served this last week?
2. Can you recall a time in your life when you were rescued out of a tight spot?



KEY VERSE

I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do.

Romans 7:15



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. Have you had the experience of seeing how spiritual rules and laws can become a prison? Verses 1–5
2. What does it mean for you to appreciate the law as a teacher without depending on the law for salvation? Verses 7–15
3. How can you encourage one another to offer yourselves to love and serve God? Verses 15–20



LIVING ON PURPOSE

Discipleship

Find a spiritual partner —one other person with whom you can be honest about your spiritual struggles.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Take some time as a group to thank God together for Jesus' rescue. Verses 24–25



TELL A FRIEND

Look back through this week's study and highlight a point, phrase, or verse that you would like to share with somebody this week.



WEEK EIGHT: Romans 8:1-17



LISTEN

Use this space below to type any notes or thoughts you may have had while listening:



CATCHING UP & LOOKING AHEAD

1. How did you do at connecting with a spiritual partner this week?
2. As we look forward to studying Romans 8, are there any verses in this chapter that have been especially meaningful to you in your Christian walk?



KEY VERSE

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:1



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. Do you ever feel like God is angry with you or out to punish you? Is it difficult in any way to accept the truth that there is no condemnation for us as believers in Jesus? Verse 1
2. What could you do to rely more on the Spirit and less on your own willpower in your battle to live as the Spirit desires? Verses 4–7
3. What helps you to set your mind on what the Spirit desires for your life? Verses 4–7
4. How does it impact you when you see the truth that living under your own control can never be pleasing to God? Verses 8–13

WEEK EIGHT



LIVING ON PURPOSE

Worship

Just like it says in Romans 8:14–17, pray to God as your “*Abba*, Father” this week by addressing him as “*Abba*, Father” in your prayers. Talk to him about your simplest needs and your deepest hurts. Thank *Abba* that because of Jesus you are his child and his heir.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Start the prayers to God as your *Abba*, Father in your group prayer time.



TELL A FRIEND

Look back through this week’s study and highlight a point, phrase, or verse that you would like to share with somebody this week.



WEEK NINE: Romans 8:17–39



LISTEN

Use this space below to type any notes or thoughts you may have had while listening:



CATCHING UP & LOOKING AHEAD

Talk about what it meant to you to pray to God as your *Abba*, Father this last week.



KEY VERSE

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38–39



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. What does it mean to you to “share in the sufferings” of Jesus? What do the words “weight of glory” picture for you? Verses 17–18
2. Is there anything that you are having to wait for right now? How does the truth of God’s hope help you as you wait? How could your group pray for you as you wait? Verses 19–27
3. How have you seen God working “all things together for His good” in your life? Verses 28–30

4. What do you think might help you to be as convinced as Paul was that nothing can separate you from the love of God?

Verses 35–39



LIVING ON PURPOSE

Discipleship

Take some time to read some verses about hope this week, asking God to give you new strength as you wait. Try finding them in an online concordance, and then share with each other some of the verses you've found at the beginning of your next meeting.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Take some time as a group to talk about your specific prayer requests and to pray for one another, especially asking that God will give you hope as you wait.



TELL A FRIEND

Look back through this week's study and highlight a point, phrase, or verse that you would like to share with somebody this week.



WEEK TEN: Romans 9



LISTEN

Use this space below to type any notes or thoughts you may have had while listening:



CATCHING UP & LOOKING AHEAD

Share with each other some of the verses about hope that you found during this last week.



KEY VERSE

It does not, therefore, depend on man's desire or effort, but on God's mercy.

Romans 9:16 (NIV84)



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. Do you ever feel like God has let you down? Where do you turn when you have these feelings? Verses 6–13
2. How are you learning to trust God even when you don't understand it? Verses 19–24
3. This week, do you feel that you are seeking, stumbling, or standing on the truth of Jesus' love? Verses 30–33
4. What difference does it make when you trust that God is in control?

WEEK TEN



LIVING ON PURPOSE

Worship

Take some time to focus on the greatness of God this week by praying Psalm 145. Instead of just reading the verses, pray them and thank God for who he is and what he has done.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Take some time as a group to talk about your specific prayer requests and to pray for one another.



TELL A FRIEND

Look back through this week's study and highlight a point, phrase, or verse that you would like to share with somebody this week.



WEEK ELEVEN: Romans 10



LISTEN

Use this space below to type any notes or thoughts you may have had while listening:



CATCHING UP & LOOKING AHEAD

Were there some circumstances or relationships where you needed to remind yourself “God is in control” this last week?



KEY VERSE

For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

Romans 10:10



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. Who have you praying for will begin a relationship with Jesus? How could your group continue to join you in this prayer? What answers to prayer have you seen as you've been praying for that friend during this study? Verses 1-8
2. Is there someone to whom you need to confess (to openly state) that you are a follower of Jesus? What have you seen God do when you take the risk and confess your faith to others? Verses 8-13
3. Is there some place or person to whom you sense God is sending you to bring the good news? Verses 14-17



LIVING ON PURPOSE

Evangelism

Next week, I'm going to pray for the salvation of:

Next week I'm going to invite this individual to church:

WEEK ELEVEN

Next week I'm going to be ready to share the gospel with:



PRAYING TOGETHER

Take some time as a group to talk about your specific prayer requests and to pray for one another. Pray for God to open the door to opportunities to share your faith this next week.



TELL A FRIEND

Look back through this week's study and highlight a point, phrase, or verse that you would like to share with somebody this week.



WEEK TWELVE: Romans 11



LISTEN

Use this space below to type any notes or thoughts you may have had while listening:



CATCHING UP & LOOKING AHEAD

What happened this last week as you prayed for opportunities to share your faith?



KEY VERSE

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!

Romans 11:33



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever, like Elijah, felt that you were the only one left who wanted to do what was right? What helped you to get through that time? Verses 2–4
2. What's the difference between selfish envy and the positive envy that Paul says can motivate us towards faith? Have you ever been motivated by this positive energy? Verses 11–15
3. What is the danger of spiritual pride? How do we protect ourselves from it? Verses 16–21
4. What does it mean to you to “consider both the kindness and the sternness of God?” Verses 22–24

5. The six riches of God in these verses are wisdom, knowledge, judgments, paths, mind, gifts. Which of these riches do you most need for what you are facing right now?
Verses 33–36



LIVING ON PURPOSE

Fellowship

Make an intentional decision this week to protect yourself against spiritual pride by praying for other believers and other churches.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Take some time as a group to talk about your specific prayer requests and to pray for one another.



TELL A FRIEND

Look back through this week's study and highlight a point, phrase, or verse that you would like to share with somebody this week.

NEXT STEPS

DRIVETIME DEVOTIONS: ROMANS VOLUME III SMALL GROUP STUDY

Download this five-week study to conclude your group's study of the remaining chapters in Romans.



DRIVETIME DEVOTIONS: EPHESIANS SMALL GROUP STUDY

Download this four-week study through the book of Ephesians. This study will help you discover the life you were meant to live and how to make the most of the what you've been given.



DRIVETIME DEVOTIONS: PHILIPPIANS SMALL GROUP STUDY

Download this four-week study through the book of Philippians. This study will help you learn the eight places where joy is won or lost.



