Dwelling Richly

# Reflections through Romans

Lesson Three - Romans 9:1-12:21

Women's Summer Bible Study



"Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly."

Colossians 3:16



God's Word is our standard. We'll use the Bible - not personal opinion, popular teachers, or church tradition - as our guide for everything. We are using the New English Translation (NET) Bible for this study.

🔾 We come from varying religious & political backgrounds. Remember: 'In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charitu.'

Avoid commentaries or study notes in your Bible – do your own thinking. Trust God, pray, ask for wisdom then read and answer on your own.

We're all learning. Be gracious and patient with yourself and with others. No one has it all figured out.

🖵 占 This is a Bible study – not a personal-opinion group. So, there are going to be "right" and "wrong" answers in keeping with the truth of God's Word.

Ayou don't have to share, but if you did the reading and the study this week, why not chime in? We all benefit from one another's thoughts and questions. I bet you have something great to share!

Discussion questions are written with care to move you through the previous lesson and prepare you for the lesson to come. Please read and answer them all and do not skip over any.

ADidn't finish the study this week? That's ok. Life gets busy. YOU'RE HERE! YAY YOU! This will be a good week for you to listen and perhaps jot down thoughts as others share.

🛮 Be considerate of how much you're talking. Share your thoughts and allow time for others to do the same – limit yourself to about 2 minutes maximum. Your group leader will help with that.

₩ Owatch the time. Leaders will wrap up the discussion time allow for prayer and a bathroom break.

Take a minute to check in on Instagram or Facebook, share a photo of your group, tag a friend, and let others know you're at La Mirada Church with LMC Women.





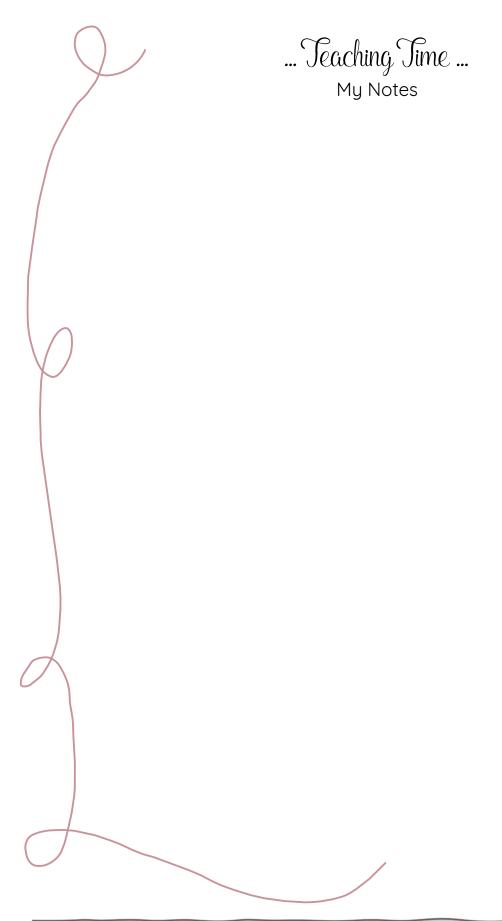


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- Recite Romans 8:24-25, "24 For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, because who hopes for what he sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with endurance."
- 2. Share a time when you lost sight of Christ as your hope.
- 3. Share a time you didn't know how to pray.
- 4. How does knowing nothing can separate you from God's love give you confidence for life?
- **5.** Day 2 #6
- **6.** Day 3 #6
- **7.** Day 5 #5
- 8. Day 6 #1
- **9.** Day 7 #7
- 10. Day 8 #2 & #3
- **11.** Day 9 #5
- 12. Share your Create & Share

Next up...teaching time...take notes on the next page.





### Lesson Three & Day One

Memorize & Meditate
 Romans 12:1-2

### ...Dwell in the Word...

Day One is set aside to read through the passage we'll be studying in this lesson. Use the space here to guide you through the reading. Make notes, ask questions, and pray as you read. Use the space to make a few notes you'll be able to refer back to in the coming days. Each section corresponds to that day's reading. Write Romans 12:1-2 in the "Memorize & Meditate" box above and on each day of the lesson.

1.	<b>Pray</b> . Pray and ask for wisdom as well as focus as you begin the lesson. Write your prayer here:
2.	Reflect. What assuring promise did Paul remind all believers of in Romans 8:37-39?

The following questions will guide you through each passage for this lesson. As you read look for a truth about God, mankind, the world, etc. Write a question that comes to mind. Note a word or concept you'd like to understand better. On that day of the lesson, come back and check your understanding and see if you have better clarity and be sure to save questions to share in Grace Group discussion.

3. Romans 9:1-18 (Day Two)

- 4. Romans 9:19-33 (Day Three)
- 5. Romans 10:1-13 (Day Four)

### Lesson Three & Day One

6. Romans 10:14-11	:10 (Day Five)		
7. Romans 11:11-21	(Day Six)		

8. Romans 11:22-36 (Day Seven)

9. Romans 12:1-8 (Day Eight)

10. Romans 12:9-21 (Day Nine)

### Lesson Three & Day Two

-Memorize & Meditate-Romans 12:1-2

	Dwell in the Word
1. 2.	Read Romans 9:1-18, then answer the following Define "sovereignty"
3.	Describe Paul's emotional tone in 3-5 words. What is his deep concern? Who is he concerned about? What is at risk?
4.	What does it take to be considered a "true descendant" of Abraham? Are only those physically related to Abraham part of his family? Why or why not?
5.	When Paul quotes God's statement, "Jacob have I love, Esau have I hated." This is not a statement of dislike for Esau or an emotional (human) love for Jacob. It's a covenant choice to work through the lineage of Jacob whose line will ultimately produce Jesus. Look up Jacob and Esau in your Bible and write a few facts about their life and lineage:
6.	What does Romans 9:14-16 tell you about the nature of God? How is this an encouraging truth in light of true human injustice and evil in the world?
7.	Paul refers back to an incident with Pharaoh that happened nearly 4000 years ago when God's people were enslaved in Egypt and He miraculously delivered them. You may have seen the classic movie "The Ten Commandments" or the more recent "Prince of Egypt" which both depict – albeit Hollywood style – that biblical account. What questions come up in your mind as you read Romans 9:17-18? Any concerns?
8.	How is God's sovereignty in showing mercy or hardening people difficult to grasp and yet also encouraging to you?

# Lesson Three & Day Three

Memorize & Meditate-Romans 12:1-2

	Dwell in the Word
2.	1. Read Romans 9:19-33, then answer the following  Most people don't like that God has the authority and right to do as He wishes. Is there evil in God? Is there injustice? Is this a hard truth for you? How so or not?
3.	How does Paul's example of a potter and clay help you grasp the reality of God's power and sovereignty?
4.	The Jews tried to pursue righteousness by obeying the law and turned it into "works." What is missing from anyone who tries to be righteous through works?
5.	Read this passage from the Living Bible or the J.B. Phillips translation. What is a change in wording that is most helpful for you? (Both of these translations are paraphrases and are available on Biblegateway.com.)
6.	What is the main point of Paul's exhortation in Romans 9:30-32?
7. 	Are you trying to please God by doing the right things or are you living by faith? Or both? Explain and keep in focus the priorities that Paul is teaching us in this passage:

# Lesson Three & Day Four

Memorize & Meditate Romans 12:1-2

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	Dwell in the Word  1. Read Romans 10:1-13, then answer the following
2.	Organize Romans 10:1-3 into Paul's heart and the problem he sees:
3.	In what ways do you see people doing exactly what Paul described in 10:3?
4.	Is there anything wrong with trying to be righteous in and of itself? What is the issue then?
5.	Consider the Ten Commandments – Have you ever broken one of them? How does this impact the truth of Romans 10:5 in your own life then? Are you able to "live by 'them'"? Share your thoughts:
6.	What is the ultimate solution? (Consider Romans 10:9-10)
7.	Who is included in the "everyone" who calls on the name of the Lord? Who is excluded? (Hint: sort of a trick question!) 😉
8.	Does living by the law perfectly offer you hope? Why or why not? What is the ultimate hope? (Consider Romans 10:11-13)
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### Lesson Three & Day Five

Memorize & Meditate-Romans 12:1-2

	Dwell in the Word
2	<ol> <li>Read Romans 10:14-11:10, then answer the following</li> <li>How does Paul's rhetorical question in 10:14 connect back to our ultimate hope from 10:13?</li> </ol>
7	6. What personal responsibility to you see that you have based on Romans 10:14-17? In what way are you meeting or missing that mark in your life today?
2	1. Read Romans 1:19-20. How does this truth connect to Paul's reminder here in 10:18-19?
5	5. Paul is specifically addressing the issue of the Jews and how they have historically responded to the message. Consider 10:18-21, what does Paul say about how they have responded to the "word of Christ?"
6.	What is God's heart toward Israel? In what practical way(s) could your life and heart reflect God's?
7.	How does Paul use his own testimony to point to God? (If you are unfamiliar with Paul's conversion story – it's pretty amazing! – go Read Acts chapter nine.) How does inserting his testimony here support the point he's trying to make?
8.	What good news/bad news history lesson does Paul refer back to and why?

### Lesson Three & Day Six

Memorize & Meditate Romans 12:1-2

### Dwell in the Word

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2.	1. Read Romans 11:11-21, then answer the following  To whom is Paul referring when he says, "they" in Romans 11:11? What was "their transgression?" (Refer back to chapter 10-11:10 and Romans 1-3 if you're not sure.)
3.	How do you see the truth of Romans 8:28-29 played out in Romans 11:11-12?
4.	How is the transgression of the Jews good news for Gentiles?
5.	What promise and the warning do you see in Romans 11:17-21? How does this impact your life on a practical level today? In what way do you need to live more consistently to remain on the promise side of this passage?
6.	Illustrate Romans 11:17-21

### Lesson Three & Day Seven

Memorize & Meditate Romans 12:1-2

### ...Dwell in the Word...

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2.	1. Read Romans 11:22-36, then answer the following  Consider the kindness of God that Paul has been bringing up throughout Romans. Use a concordance (BibleGateway.com is helpful) and note the occurrences of "kindness" and the consistent context of each:
3.	What is at stake for those who do not continue in the kindness of God?
4.	What kind of branches are Gentiles in Paul's illustration? What kind are repentant Jews? Is there an advantage of or kind over the other? Why or why not?
5.	Where is the hope of all Israel to be found? (Romans 11:26-27)
6.	How does Paul compare those who accept Jesus with Jews who repent in Romans 11:28-32?
7.	What truth of God's nature do you see in Romans 11:32?

8. Considering all that Paul has been teaching, what do you think inspired Paul to erupt in such praise here in Romans 11:33-36?

### Lesson Three & Day Eight

Memorize & Meditate
Romans 12:1-2

### ...Dwell in the Word...

Read	Romans	12:1-8,	then	answer	the	following	١
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2.	"Therefore"	'Romans'	12:1. Who	at is the	"therefore"	there for?	In light o	f what	great	truth	does P	aul now	shift his
	teaching?												

3.	In light of that truth	n, list all the	proactive responses	and be	ehaviors Pai	ul commands	Christians to	do in l	Romans 1:	2:1-8

**4.** What is the one single "do not" admonition in this passage?

**5.** Consider how you are living out Paul's admonitions. In what area(s) do you need to be more submissive to God's expectations? In what way, if any, do you need to stop conforming to this world?

### Lesson Three & Day Nine

-Memorize & Meditate-Romans 12:1-2

	Dwell in the Word
2.	1. Read Romans 12:9-21, then answer the following Consider how fulfilling Romans 12:9a fulfills every other command to follow
	Romans 12:12 is the central theme verse for this study "Rejoice in Hope." Reflect on the reasons we have read to this point that give weight and truth to the hope only followers of Jesus Christ have. Summarize one key truth here:
4.	Paul doesn't just say "don't be evil" he says what? What is significance of that difference in wording and how it might look in your life today?
5.	List all the "do" and the "do not" admonitions in this passage:  Do Do Not
6.	This passage opens and closes with admonitions regarding evil. Summarize those here:
7.	What is God's role in regards to responding to evil? What is yours? How does knowing this truth impact your life today in light of the evil you are dealing with?

### Lesson Three & Day Ten

### ...Create & Share...

<u>IBefore Reading!!</u> – Please cue up the song: "Romans 11 (Doxology)" by Andrew Peterson on Spotify or YouTube.
That song is available on playlist I created to accompany this study. Email or Text me for the link.
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You're not alone if you find yourself a little overwhelmed with all you're reading through Romans. Perhaps you feel confused at some points, maybe not grasping, even overwhelmed by the content – consider Paul's gush of words in Romans chapter 10. Read these words again...aloud...

Oh. the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable are his judgments and how unfathomable his ways!

For who has known the mind of the Lord.

or who has been his counselor?

Or who has first given to God.

that God needs to repay him?

For from him and through him and to him are all things.

To him be glory forever!

Amen.

Wow! Right?

I mean, think of it ... it is at this point, having taught so many theologically rich and challenging truths that Paul erupts in an emotionally charged outpouring of praise.

Paul gets it.

Paul sees the great mystery and is overcome by emotion welling up to praise God.

I can imagine him, sitting with Tertius (Romans 16:22) who is writing all this down and he just pauses... takes a deep breath, looks up at Tertius who peers back, quill in mid-air, awaiting the next inspired words, only to see his dear friend, Paul, and his deep brown eyes brimming with tears, and then the emotional gush comes and they both grasp it again for the first time and weep for joy at the greatness of what they are co-laboring with the Holy Spirit to write.

So, my dear sister...

If you find yourself bored, disinterested, confused, or lost as you study the Word of God, consider the possibility that it is at that very point that you are in a battle for your mind and heart. God wants you to know, love, and be transformed by His Word – but you have an Enemy who wants the opposite.

Satan is literally hellbent on keeping you discouraged, bored, and distracted.

Read with that in mind.

Study with that in mind.

Know your Enemy -

but know your Advocate even more -

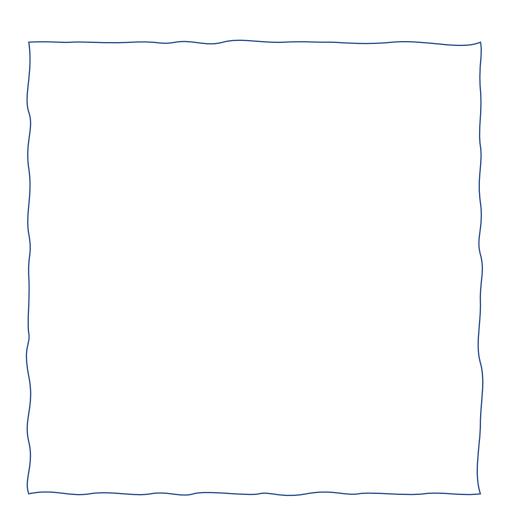
Jesus, through the Holy Spirit will help you see and understand the mystery so that you,

like Paul, can erupt in grateful praise -and know this...

I am praying for you throughout this study that that is exactly what will happen in your heart. In our Create & Share time today, take a moment to pray for God to reveal Himself clearly to you.

Ask God to strengthen your resolve, give you wisdom,

Close this time by listening to the song (noted above) and write or draw one word or image that comes to your mind as you listen to God's words set to song. Use the back of this page or any paper that you like. Share your word or drawing with our hashtag #DwellingRichly on social media and encourage one another today.



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