Dwelling Richly

# Reflections through Romans

Lesson Four – Romans 13:1-16:27

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, charity.'

Navoid 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.

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.

A you 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.

didn't finish the study this week? That's ok. Life gets busy. You're here! Yay you! Instead of offering answers, 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.

Watch 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.





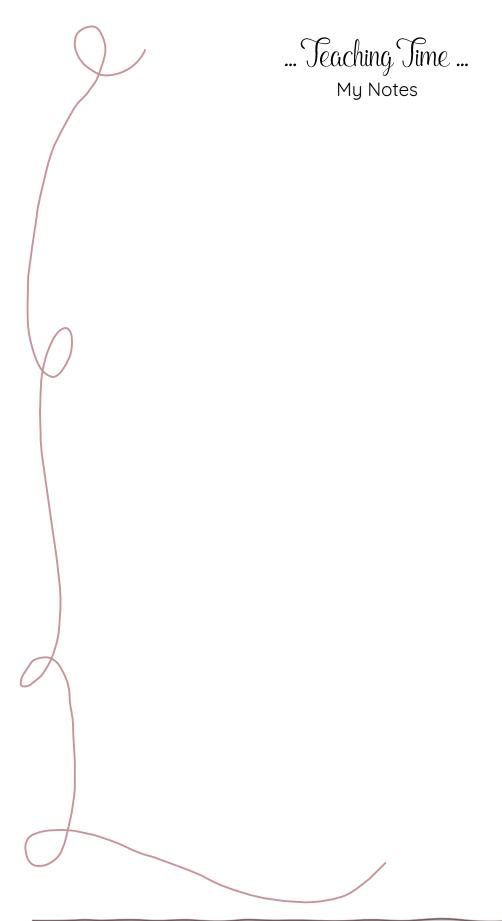


Follow LMC Women.

- 1. Recite Romans 12:1-2, "Therefore I exhort you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a sacrifice—alive, holy, and pleasing to God—which is your reasonable service. 2 Do not be conformed to this present world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may test and approve what is the will of God—what is good and well-pleasing and perfect.
- 2. What comes to mind when you think of the word sacrifice?
- 3. Why is it so easy to conform to this world?
- 4. What are some practical things we can do to "renew" our mind?
- **5.** Day 3 #4
- **6.** Day 4 #3
- **7.** Day 7 #8
- 8. Day 8 #5
- **9**. Day 9 #7
- 10. Share your Create & Share

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





### Lesson Four & Day One

-Memorize & Meditate Romans 1:5

#### ...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 1:5 in the "Memorize & Meditate" box above and on each day of the lesson.

	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. How does Paul's closing admonition in Romans 12:21 look in your life today?
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	the following questions will guide you through each passage for this lesson. As you read look for a truth about God, mankind, the world, otc. 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 13:1-14 (Day Two)
4.	Romans 14:1-9 (Day Three)
5.	Romans 14:10-23 (Day Four)

# Lesson Four & Day One

6.	Romans 15:1-13 (Day Five)
7.	Romans 15:14-21 (Day Six)
В.	Romans 15:22-33 (Day Seven)
9.	Romans 16:1-16; 21-23 (Day Eight)
10	. Romans 16:17-20; 25-27 (Day Nine)

# Lesson Four & Day Two

	Dwell in the Word
	Read Romans 13:1-14, then answer the following Skim back through this passage and note reasons Paul gives for "every person" to be subject to governing authorities
	What is the issue with those who "resist such authority?"
4.	What behaviors and attitudes are expected of us in regards to submitting to governing authority?
5.	Under what circumstances do you think it is acceptable to stand against a government? Support your response with Scripture.
6.	Paraphrase Romans 13:8-10
7.	Why should knowing "the time, that it is already the hour" impact our faith and behavior?
8.	How does verse 14 look in your life today on a practical level?
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# Lesson Four & Day Three

	Dwell in the Word				
	Read Romans 14:1-9, then answer the following  How does Paul describe and what warnings does Paul give the Christians who:  "is weak in the faith"  "eats everything"				
3.	Ultimately, according to verse four, what is going to happen to all believers?				
4.	What is the key issue when it comes to deciding if you, personally, as a believer should or shouldn't do something? (Consider 14:5)				
5.	Compare Paul's message here in chapter 14 with Colossians 3:23-25 and 2 Corinthians 5:7-9. What is the big point you take to heart from this?				
6.	In light of Paul's teaching in this passage, what is the reason Christ dies and returned to life?				

# Lesson Four & Day Four

Memorize & Meditate Romans 1:5

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

1. 2.	Read Romans 14:10-23, then answer the following What is the problem with "judging" one another in the kind of situations Paul is describing?
3.	Is it ever ok to judge other Christians? Why or why not? Use Scripture to support your answer.
4.	On what basis should you, as a Christian judge whether or not you should do something?
5.	How will your life be characterized if you are living out Romans chapter 14 well?

6. What role does doubt play in how you live out this teaching?

# Lesson Four & Day Five

	Dwell in the Word
	Read Romans 15:1-13, then answer the following  How does Paul compare the faith of those who eat anything and those who "eat only vegetables?" NOTE: Paul is using the issue of eating/not eating vegetables as an example – not as a final list of ways Christians might differ. Be careful not to place 2ft century American sensibilities about diet into Paul's ft century context.
3.	To what is Paul referring when he says, "everything that was written in former times?" What was the purpose of all that was written?
4.	How is Christ to be our example in all these situations? Paul offers several examples. List as many as you can from today's passage:
5.	Compare Paul's point in Romans 2:17-24 and todays passage. What is at stake? How are Christians accountable?
6.	How does Romans 15:13 tie back into what Paul's point has been through chapters 14-15?

#### Lesson Four & Day Six

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

<ol> <li>Read Romans 15:14-</li> </ol>	1, then answer the	following
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- 2. What is Paul contrasting, what he says "But I myself and fully convinced about you..." keep in mind his teaching throughout chapter 14-15.)
- 3. And what is it that Paul is convinced about in these Christians? List all three:
  - 1) Full of
  - 2) Filled with \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3) Fit to (able to) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. List and describe the two roles in which that God called Paul to serve.
- 5. What did Paul say was the goal of his service?
- 6. Describe why Paul says he can boast. How is that kind of boasting different from sinful boastfulness?
- 7. What is Paul's further desire?
- **8.** Go back to your responses in #3 and write out in what way you find it difficult to live in each of these three ways and in what way(s) you feel like you are successfully living these out in your life right now.

# Lesson Four & Day Seven

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	Read Romans 15:22-33, then answer the following What is "this reason" Paul is referring to?
3.	What is Paul's desire? Why?
4.	Where is he headed now? Why?
5.	Sketch a simple map of the places/regions listed in this passage:
6.	What does Paul urge the Romans to do? What does he anticipate may happen as he travels?
/. 	What does Paul hope will happen when he comes to them?
8.	Imagine you were amongst the people that Paul would be coming to visit. How would you make sure he'd be "refreshed in your company?"

#### Lesson Four & Day Eight

Memorize & Meditate Romans 1:5

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

- 1. Read Romans 16:1-16; 21-23, then answer the following...
- NOTE: I've grouped these two passages to combine Paul's personal greetings
- 2. List each person/team greeted, their location, role, and the way Paul describes them. If a description is not given, just

**3.** As best as you can tell, how many women? \_\_\_ Men? \_\_ Do you see a significant difference in the importance of male verses female roles as Paul lists them? Explain:

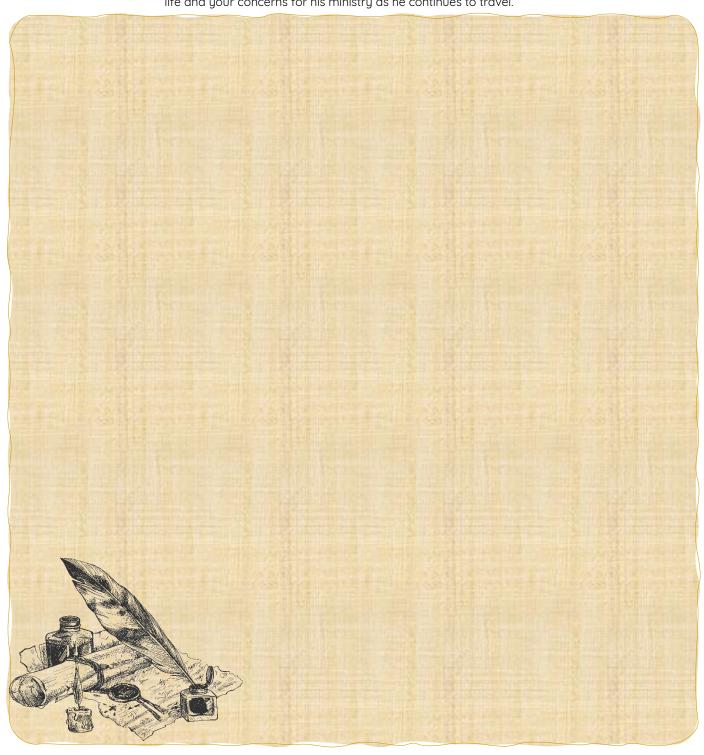
# Lesson Four & Day Nine

	Dwell in the Word				
1. 2.	Read Romans 16:17-20; 25-27, then answer the following				
	"[those who create] obstacles"				
3.	How does Paul describe these kinds of people?				
4.	Are the Romans Paul is writing to already struggling with this or not? Explain:				
5.	Give an example of each: "wise in that is good"				
	"Innocent in what is evil"				
6.	What is the ultimate goal Paul says God's prophetic Scripture are able to "bring about?" In the context of Romans 1:5 and 16:26, what does this mean?				
7.	What is God able to do? Consider an area of your faith in which you are feeling weak today. How can you pray in line with Scripture for help in this area?				

## Lesson Four & Day Ten

# ...Create & Share...

Imagine that Paul is your friend and you are waiting to see him when he passes through Rome on his way to Spain. Write Paul a note to share how his letter has impacted your faith. What areas of weakness do you now feel are stronger? How are you more bold in your faith? What questions do you have about a passage that was difficult to understand? What truth about God do you grasp better? Offer a word of encouragement to Paul considering the impact he's made in your life and your concerns for his ministry as he continues to travel.



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