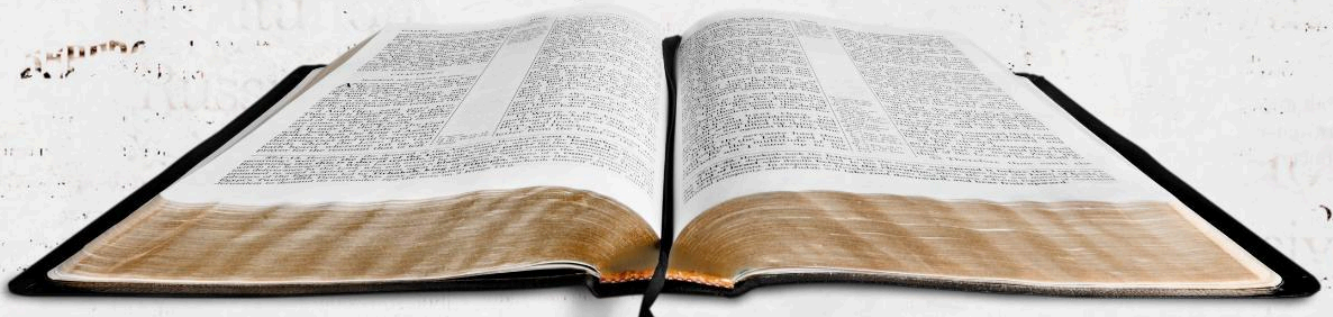


NOT ASHAMED

Romans 1 - 8

Made right with God

Connect group notes



TOPIC : Romans: Not Ashamed pt.1

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MEDITATION TIME:

Welcome to our weekly small group BIBLE MEDITATION outline. The goal is to get people chewing on the Word of God. We use a simple strategy called **S. O. A. P.** to guide us through.

Let's dive in:

S - SCRIPTURE: Today's text(s) are:

Romans 3:21-31

We encourage you to each read a verse as you go round the group - use whatever translation you have.

If you don't want to read aloud then just nudge the person after you, but do your best to join in.

O - OBSERVATION:

The goal here is to underline or highlight the verse that stands out to you the most.

What verse that catches your attention?

What words or phrases in that verse stand out in particular?

Take a few moments individually to answer these questions.

A - APPLICATION: Now ask people to take turns to share their verse, by getting them to answer these two questions:

Which verse did you choose and what is it saying?

Why do you think the Holy Spirit is highlighting this verse to you?

P - PRAYER: Once everyone has had a chance to share their verses, close the evening with a round of prayer.

Ask everyone to turn their verse and what they felt God saying to them into a short prayer for the rest of the group.

Go clockwise around the table giving everyone a chance to pray.

Summary

This sermon focuses on Romans 3 and explores how we are made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ, not through following the law. The law is good as it reveals our inability to fully obey it due to our sinful nature. The key message

is that God's plan was always Jesus- even before creation, He knew we would need a savior. Through faith in Christ's sacrifice, we can be restored to right standing with God.

GOING DEEPER:

Questions:

- 1. How would you explain the difference between trying to be right with God through following rules versus through faith in Jesus?**
- 2. Why do you think we often struggle with wanting to earn God's approval through our own efforts?**
- 3. The sermon mentioned how sin nature rises up when we're told not to do something. Can you relate to this? Share an example.**
- 4. How does understanding God's faithfulness despite our unfaithfulness impact your relationship with Him?**

5. What role should the law play in a Christian's life if we're saved by faith?

6. In what areas of your life do you need to trust more in Jesus's finished work rather than your own efforts?

KEY TAKEAWAYS

1. We cannot earn right-standing with God through following the law - we need Jesus.
2. God remains faithful even when we are unfaithful.
3. The law reveals our need for a savior but cannot save us.
4. Jesus was God's plan for our salvation from the beginning of creation.
5. We are made right with God through faith alone in Christ's finished work

ACTION STEP

This week, when you catch yourself trying to earn God's approval through your own efforts, pause and remind yourself that you are made right with God through faith in Jesus. Write down specific moments where you notice this happening and reflect on how you can shift your focus from your performance to Christ's finished work.