

The Greatest Letter Ever Written
Romans Series

Questions for Reflection

1. Why has Romans been called the "greatest letter ever written"? What makes Romans so "great"? Why do Christians often avoid the book of Romans?
2. Paul wrote Romans to "impart a spiritual gift" that would strengthen the church. How do you think understanding significant theological truths (like those in Romans) can truly enhance someone's faith rather than simply increasing their knowledge?
3. Romans shows how "hostile sinners" can become "holy sons and daughters." Reflecting on your own spiritual journey, how have you experienced this transformation? Where do you think you are in this process?
4. Pastor Sam mentioned that he wanted Romans to "touch his heart, not just his mind" before teaching it. What's the difference between knowing something intellectually and having it transform your heart? Can you recall a biblical truth that has made this journey from head to heart in your own life?
5. Romans serves to bring "fullness of joy, unshakeable peace, and unquenchable hope." Which of these three outcomes do you need most in your life right now, and why?
6. Paul wrote Romans partly to help unify the church in Rome. What role do you think sound teaching about the gospel plays in promoting unity within a church? Have you seen examples of this being effective (or ineffective) in your own church experience?
7. Pastor Sam recommended reading Romans "slowly, prayerfully, and repeatedly." What is your usual approach to reading the Bible? How might slowing down and being more deliberate change your interaction with Scripture overall and with Romans specifically?
8. Romans tells "the story of how and why God saves the world through the Gospel of His Son for His eternal glory." In your own words, how would you explain this to someone who's never read Romans?
9. Looking at the structure of Romans outlined in the sermon, which section interests you most: the universal need, the means of obtaining, the benefits received, or the display of God's righteousness? What draws you to that particular aspect?
10. Pastor Sam ended with four actions: Read, Receive, Retain, and Request. Which of these do you find most challenging in your own Bible study, and what practical steps could you take to grow in that area?