

### Community Group Questions (Romans 3:1-8)

1. Read Romans 3:1-8. What did you find most helpful, challenging or encouraging from this week's passage and message?
2. Paul structures this passage as a series of questions and objections. Why do you think he uses this method instead of just making straightforward statements?
3. Pastor Lee described Israel's advantage as "an advantage of opportunity." In what ways do we have similar advantages today?
4. Compare our passage with the parable in Matthew 20:1-16. In what ways might a person be tempted to question God's fairness?
5. The passage frames three core questions:
  1. Can God's promises be trusted?
  2. Can human sin thwart God's purposes?
  3. Is God's judgment fair?

Which of these do you find most difficult to wrestle with, and why?

6. How does Paul respond to the idea that human unfaithfulness could cancel out God's faithfulness? What does this teach us about God's character?
7. The passage pushes back against the idea that sin somehow helps God (by highlighting His righteousness or glory). Why is that line of thinking so dangerous?
8. While we might not do it in the same way as Paul's opponents (vv.5-8), we do often rationalize sin in subtle ways. What are some ways people try to justify their sin?