

### **Community Group Questions (Romans 3:9-20)**

1. Read Romans 3:9-20. What did you find most helpful or encouraging from this week's passage and message?
2. Have you ever had a situation where a problem turned out to be much worse than you initially thought? Why do you think people tend to minimize problems?
3. Read John 8:34. How does Jesus' statement that we are slaves to sin challenge modern ideas of freedom?
4. Pastor Lee said that the essence of sin is ungodliness (rebellious against God). How is that different from the way people usually think about sin?
5. How might focusing only on "surface sins" keep us from real repentance?
6. What does "total depravity" mean and what does it not mean? Why do you think the Bible so often highlights the organs of speech as evidence of our sin nature?
7. How does feeling the weight of sin prepare us to understand and appreciate Jesus?
8. What does it mean for you personally to place your faith in Jesus rather than your own righteousness?