



Leader's Guide

INTRODUCTION

Thank you for your participation in the Roman's series! We greatly value your investment in the lives of others as you minister to them through his Word. Know that we are praying specifically for you and your group as together we embark on this journey through the Book of Romans.

Mission

Spiritual formation happens best in context of spiritual community. The benefit of Small Group Ministry is that we have the opportunity to engage the Scriptures in the context of our lives. As we understand and engage God, as we are transformed by his Word and his Spirit, we will increasingly become transformed to the image of Christ. The change in us, brought about by the work of the Spirit, will affect all of our relationships. It is a process that will happen slowly over time—God's timing. Our mission, therefore, is to not just impart knowledge acquisition, but as we are changed, guide others through a process of continual transformation. The study questions are designed to assist you through both knowledge and application and are based on the following criteria:

- What has God revealed about himself and about us?
- How do these truths impact our relationships?
- How does this challenge me personally? What potential transformation needs to take place?
- Can I identify areas of resistance?
- What is the work of the Spirit? How can I cooperate?

Although some lessons may lend themselves to a greater emphasis in one area over another, we will attempt to follow this criteria throughout these lessons.

Additional Resources

Dr. Douglas Moo (New Testament scholar now with Wheaton Graduate School and for many years with our own Trinity Evangelical Divinity School) is the author of the [NIV Application Commentary on Romans](#). It is probably the most helpful single tool for understanding the book. It is in our bookstore and is available to small group leaders at our cost. It is highly recommended that you have a copy for your own preparation.

Printed copies of the Leader's Guides will be available each week at the Romans kiosk in the Welcome Center, and online through www.soundliving.org/romans/romansstudies.html. Look for the link at the bottom of the Personal Bible Study page entitled [leader's login](#).
Username: Romans Password: leaders

Vision

Casting vision is vitally important to the process. We have already cast a vision for spiritual formation in the context of community. What is your vision?

Take a few moments to prayerfully consider the following questions in light of your desire for you personally, and for your group:

- Why do you lead? (*mission*)
- What do you hope will change in you as a result of this study?
- How will it affect your relationships with God? With others?
- What support will you need as you lead; who will pray for you personally and for your leadership role? Do you have someone who is fighting for your soul?
- As you think about God's desires, what results do you hope for in the people that you lead? Name one or two things that you hope your group really understands and lives.

We are looking forward to the work of the Spirit in the life of our church!

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