

# The Unveiling

righteousness,  
redemption,  
and hope  
in Romans

**HOME GROUP STUDY**  
Week 2



# "LET'S GET THIS STARTED!"

Welcome to our Home Group companion study for the teaching series The Unveiling: Righteousness, Redemption, and Hope in Romans. Throughout the coming year, we will be making our way through Romans, with some breaks along the way.

This study is designed as a companion to Crosspoint's weekend teaching. It will help you to discuss and apply the content from the message. It also provides an option for you to dig deeper into the Word of God. You will find it uses the same core text from the sermon.

We encourage you to prayerfully read through this study before your meeting. Make changes as you see fit. You know your Home Group better than we do, so adjustments and alterations to the questions are inevitable. There is no perfect curriculum that perfectly matches every group's needs and journey.

As always, we welcome and appreciate your feedback on this curriculum. Be prepared to share your insights at the next Home Group leaders huddle, or email us.



# A BASIC AGENDA



These are the basic elements in every Home Group meeting. You have the option of doing either the "message reflection" or the "deeper in the Word" sections. You likely won't have time to do both, especially if your group likes to share. Remember, the goal of your group is to build transformed lives, not to keep an agenda. Pay attention to what the Holy Spirit is doing. If you need to change things up, go for it.

## **ICEBREAKER**

Take ten minutes to reconnect and get to know each other.

## **MESSAGE DISCUSSION**

Discuss the teaching from the Sunday message. Hopefully, you've all seen it!

## **DEEPER IN THE WORD**

Dig into the core scripture passage from the weekend teaching.

## **REFLECTION**

Talk about the meaning of the text and how it personally applies.

## **PRAYER**

Set aside time to share needs and pray for group members.

**FOR WHEN WE CEASE TO  
WORSHIP GOD, WE DO NOT  
WORSHIP NOTHING, WE  
WORSHIP ANYTHING.**

G.K. CHESTERTON

# CORE TEXT

## ROMANS 1:18-32 (ESV)

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. 19 For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. 20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. 21 For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools, 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

24 Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, 25 because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

26 For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; 27 and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.

28 And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. 29 They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, 30 slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, 31 foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. 32 Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.



# ICEBREAKER

If your group doesn't know each other well, or if you've been apart for a while, an icebreaker is a great way to assist you in getting reacquainted. Icebreakers also 'break the ice' and help people engage in conversation.

When you share information about yourself with others, and they accept you for who you are, it builds trust. This trust leads to greater transparency and openness. If you want some icebreaker ideas, check out the resources at the end of this book.

**IF I TRUST YOU WITH MY STORY, YOU MIGHT TRUST ME WITH YOURS.**

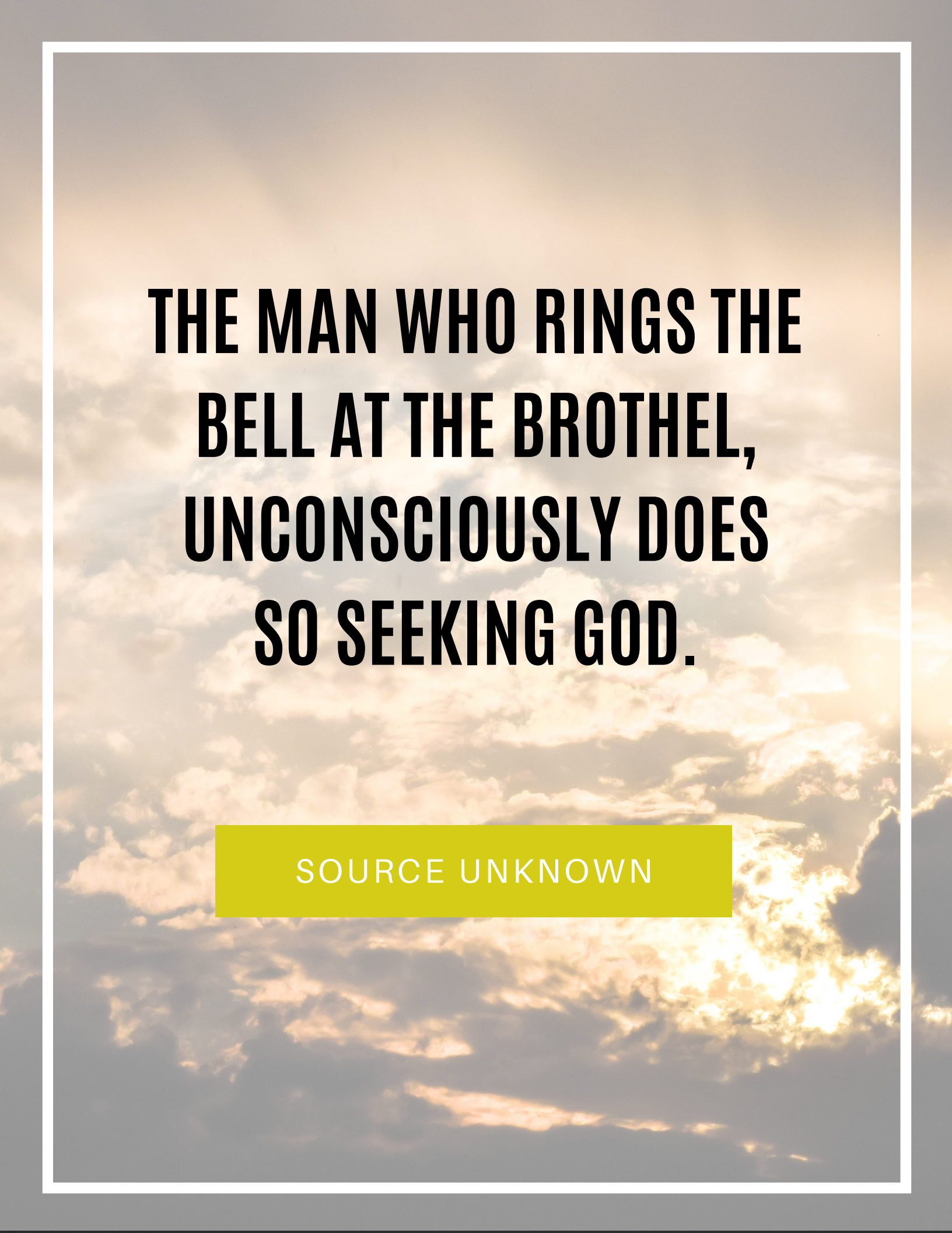


# WEEKEND MESSAGE

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Have one or more people read the text out loud.

1. Why do you think Paul begins by addressing the problem of human corruption before jumping to its solution?
2. Paul describes humanity's 'failure of worship' as an exchange, where we've traded down from God to worthless idols. Why do you think God responds to this exchange with his wrath?
3. What is the connection between this exchange and our dislocation from God's natural order in creation?
4. This week we talked about the difficult and controversial topic of same-sex relations. How was this similar or different from what you've encountered in the past? What should our response be to people with same-sex attractions, orientation, or identity?
5. "In our current cultural moment, it's easy to elevate some sins while ignoring our own. But Paul won't let us get away with that." What's your response to this statement from this week's message?
6. When you look at Paul's list in verses 29-32, where do you see your own need for the gospel's saving power?



**THE MAN WHO RINGS THE  
BELL AT THE BROTHEL,  
UNCONSCIOUSLY DOES  
SO SEEKING GOD.**

SOURCE UNKNOWN



# DEEPER IN THE WORD

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# DEEPER IN THE WORD, PT. 1

ROMANS 1:18-32

Have one or more people read the text out loud before you start.

1. Paul is explaining the concept of natural revelation in verses 18-23. How does all humanity know about God? What does God reveal to them? See also verse 32.
2. Paul maps out a progression of ungodliness and unrighteousness in verses 18-23. What are the steps in this progression?
3. What ways does Paul use to describe those who exchange God for idols (verses 21-22)? What does this reveal to us about what God thinks about our own idolatry?
4. What does Paul mean when he writes, "God gave them up" in 24, 26, and 28? How does this intervention include both divine agency and human free will? What are the implications of this for those who continue to go deeper into sin?
5. In verses 24-27, Paul describes how human life has been dislocated from God's natural order in creation. What examples does he use? How are these examples connected to Genesis 1:26-28 and 2:18-25? How are these a sign that the world is out of joint?

# DEEPER IN THE WORD, PT. 2

ROMANS 1:18-32

6. The final way that God "gave them up" was to a debased mind (debased means unfit or substandard). How is a debased mind connected to the behaviours in verses 28-32?
7. What would it be like to live in a town where the people were like those described in these verses?
8. Why do you think Paul left these final behaviours until the end?
9. Where do you see your need for the gospel's saving power when you look at these verses?



# SUBMERGED IN ROMANS

**1**

Watch the Bible Project's "Romans" video on YouTube. Check out the first of two videos [here](#).

**2**

Read "Paul for Everyone: Romans, Part One" by N.T. Wright as you go through the series. Order it [here](#).

**3**

Take the free Biblical Training online course with biblical scholar Douglas Moo. Sign up [here](#).

**4**

Read and pray through Romans in 31 days. A helpful guide is [here](#). They don't need to be consecutive days!

**5**

Read through the entire book of Romans. In fact, we encourage you to do it a few times, in different translations. Access more translations [here](#).

# 49 ICEBREAKER QUESTIONS

1. If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go?
2. If I gave you \$10,000, what would you spend it on?
3. What has been a recent high point and low point in your life?
4. If you could watch your favourite movie now, what would it be?
5. If you could talk to anyone in the world, who would it be?
6. If you could wish one thing to come true this year, what would it be?
7. What are you thankful for today?
8. If you could live in any period of history, when would it be?
9. If you could change anything about yourself, what would you change?
10. Describe your past week in weather terms. (Was it stormy, cloudy, foggy, mostly sunny or what?)
11. If you could be someone else, who would you be?
12. If you could have any question answered, what would it be?
13. What is one thing you are looking forward to?
14. If you could watch your favourite TV show now, what would it be?
15. Name one thing you really like about yourself.
16. If you could have any kind of pet, what would you have?
17. When did God become more than a word to you?
18. If you could do your dream job 10 years from now, what would it be?
19. What is a challenge you are facing right now? (How could we help you?)
20. If you had to be allergic to something, what would it be?
21. If you sat down next to Jesus on a bus, what would you talk about?
22. What is one thing you are really good at?
23. If money and time was no object, what would you be doing right now?
24. One fact about me that might surprise you is...
25. If you had one day to live over again, what day would you pick?

## ICEBREAKER QUESTIONS

26. If you could eat your favourite food now, what would it be?
27. If you could learn any skill, what would it be?
28. What is one thing you like to do when you have free time?
29. Do you have a pet? If not, what sort of pet would you like?
30. If you were sent to live on a space station for three months and only allowed to bring three personal items with you, what would they be?
31. If you could buy a car right now, what would you buy?
32. If you had a time machine that would work only once, what point in the future or in history would you visit?
33. If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go?
34. If your house was burning down, what three objects would you try and save?
35. If you could talk to any one person now living, who would it be and why?
36. If you HAD to give up one of your senses (hearing, seeing, feeling, smelling, tasting) which would it be and why?
37. What is the first thing that comes to mind when you think about God?
38. If you were an animal, what would you be and why?
39. Name a gift you will never forget?
40. What's your favourite thing to do in the summer?
41. Who's your favourite cartoon character, and why?
42. Does your name have a special meaning and or were you named after someone special?
43. What is the hardest thing you have ever done?
44. If you are at a friend's or relative's house for dinner and you find a dead insect in your salad, what would you do?
45. What was the best thing that happened to you this past week?
46. If you had this week over again what would you do differently?
47. What's the weirdest thing you've ever eaten?
48. If you could ask Christ to change one problem in the world today, what would you like him to change?
49. What book, movie or video have you seen/read recently you would recommend?