The Solid Rock on Which We Stand: "Developing a Proper View of God and Self"

Romans 3:1-8

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The Big Idea:

A proper view of God gives us a proper view of ourselves and our need for Him.

(Romans 3:1-8)

<u>A Proper View of God and Self</u>

1. God is faithful; man is faithless. (Romans 3:1-4)

2. God is righteous; man is unrighteous. (Romans 3:5-8)

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Read Romans 3:1-8

1. What was the "one advantage" Paul identified for the Jews in verse 2, and what responsibility came with it?
Discuss what it means to be "entrusted with the oracles of God" and how this privilege is one of stewardship rather than moral superiority. Consider: as believers entrusted with the full revelation of Scripture, are we protecting, preserving, and proclaiming it—or keeping it to ourselves?

2. In verses 3-4, Paul asks whether human unfaithfulness can nullify God's faithfulness. How does Paul answer this, and why does it matter?
God's faithfulness never depends on ours. Discuss how this truth should change the way we view our failures and God's promises.

3. Read Psalm 51:1-12 alongside Romans 3:4. What does David's example teach us about restoration after sin?
Walk through the four-step model: Realize your need for mercy, Repent without excuse, Recognize who you've sinned against, and Request restoration. Where in your own life do you need to apply this pattern right now?

4. In verses 5-8, what argument does Paul confront, and why is it "slanderous" and sinful?
Discuss the logic some used: "If my sin highlights God's glory, why am I still condemned?" Why doesn't God need our sin to display His glory, and why is "the end justifies the means" never a valid defense before a holy God?

5. How does Romans 3:24-26 answer the accusation that grace leads to careless living?
Discuss the difference between grace being free for us versus costly for Jesus. How does understanding the price of your redemption—not cheap, but paid in blood—change how you live today, rather than producing complacency?

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