

# Sermon Guide



## “The Gospel of Salvation” January 7, 2024

### Romans 3

1. **Greg said that the whole Bible is summed up in Romans 3:23-24. Read those verses together. Think about if you agree with Greg.** Specifically consider: How might those verses sum up the story arc of scripture? Do they miss anything?
2. **Greg spent time defining two important words: righteousness and propitiation.** As a group, define those words as best as you can, starting with righteousness.
3. **Jesus called the pharisees “whitewashed tombs”– they look good on the outside but are full of rot. As a culture, we talk a lot about hypocrisy. We like to point the finger at those who fail to live according to their own standards. Yet, Jesus invites us to think about our own hypocrisy.** In what ways might Jesus’ words convict you? Do you ever see areas of your life in which you are a “whitewashed tomb”?

**Prayer Prompt:** Who do you know who hasn’t believed the gospel? Open the floor for sharing. After each person shares a name, have another person in the group claim that name; then end in prayer for each person. (On a practical note, you can 1) do popcorn prayer, or 2) pray in a circle; start with one person and then go clockwise around the circle. If some members of the group didn’t claim a name to pray for, they can be passed over.)