



Edify Small Group Handout – September 20, 2026
“Let God Be True (Rom 3:1-8)”

1. **SERMON REFLECTION**

Someone reads the passage first.

Then, someone gives a brief (5 minute tops) recap/summary of Sunday’s sermon.

a. **Main Point:** God, the faithful & righteous judge, is right to judge us.

b. **Grand Points of the Text:**

- i. God is right to judge us because we waste advantages He graciously provides (v. 1-2)
- ii. God is right to judge us because His righteousness is defined by His Word (v. 3-4)
- iii. God is right to judge us because He is the judge and we have no excuse (v. 5-8)

2. **OPENING QUESTION:**

What convicted/impacted you personally about Sunday’s sermon?

3. **LEARN** (*What this section of scripture teaches us*)

Intro Question: **When you hear the phrase, “God is the judge,” what thoughts or feelings come to mind? Do you get comfort from knowing that, or is it a challenging truth, or something else? Why?**

Grand Points of the Text:

Point 1: God is right to judge us because we waste advantages He graciously provides (v. 1-2)

- **What advantage did God give the Jewish people, according to verses 1–2?**
- **Why isn’t simply possessing God’s Word enough to save someone?**
- **What advantages has God given us today, and how might we waste them?**

Point 2: God is right to judge us because His righteousness is defined by His Word (v. 3-4)

- **What question does Paul address in verses 3–4 regarding human unfaithfulness?**
- **How does Psalm 51:4 help us understand God’s faithfulness?**
- **How do we sometimes wrongly measure God’s faithfulness?**

Point 3: God is right to judge us because He is the judge and we have no excuse (v. 5-8)

- **What excuse does the objector try to make in verses 5–7?**
- **Why doesn’t God’s sovereignty excuse our sin?**
- **What does Paul mean when he rejects the idea, “why not do evil that good may come?”**

4. **APPLY** (*How to apply these teachings in a genuine fashion*)

- **God has given us many spiritual advantages—His Word, preaching, fellowship, the church, and the Lord’s Supper. How can we move from simply having these things available to actually using them to draw closer to Christ?**



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- We often judge God's faithfulness by what is happening in our lives. **Can you think of a situation where it would be easy to question God's goodness or faithfulness? How could the truth of Romans 3:3–4 change the way you respond?**
- What are some "excuses" or ways of thinking that we can use to justify our own sin or avoid taking responsibility? What could it look like to respond differently when we recognize one of those excuses in our own lives?

5. Homework/contemplation/meditation

Read Romans 3:1–8 during the week. Then spend time reflecting on these three questions:

- **What advantages has God graciously given me that I may be taking for granted?** Consider access to Scripture, church, preaching, fellowship, and the Lord's Supper.
- **Where have I questioned God's faithfulness because of my circumstances?** Ask whether you have been measuring God's goodness by what is happening in your life rather than by His Word.

6. Closing: *Praying for one another*