

ROMANS

"True North" August 14, 2022 // Tyler Scott, Lead Pastor

There's a difference between magnetic north and true north. If we follow the ever-changing pull of culture, we'll never end up at True North. Romans is a book of the bible that recalibrates us, helping us to follow Jesus in every area of our lives. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Jesus loves us, rescues us, and redeems us-making us right in God's sight. The truth of the gospel gives us hope. When we center our lives around Him, it changes everything.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

 What words do you use to describe yourself when you introduce yourself to others?
 Read Romans 1:1-4. Paul describes three things here: himself, the gospel, and the Son. How does he describe each? What stands out? Is there anything confusing? Is there a difference between how Paul introduces himself and how we usually do?

3. Read Romans 1:5-7. What does he say we have received, and are called to? How does this make you feel?

4. Read Romans 1:8-10. What does the world know about the church in Rome (v8)? What do we learn here about Paul's prayer life? How do you think other people see and talk about your faith? Is there anything you'd like to change?

5. Read Romans 1:11-15. Why does Paul want to visit this church? Who does he feel obligated to? As a follower of Jesus, what sense of obligation do you feel, and to whom?

6. Read Romans 1:16-17. Why do you think Paul is so unashamed of the gospel? Where does our righteousness come from? Where do we often try to get our righteousness?
7. We all get knocked off course (or drift) at times. In what ways have we "drifted" (even 1-2 degrees off) due to the ever changing pull of culture? How/where do you notice this in your own life? Why is this so dangerous?

8. What are some examples of things that we recalibrate in life? Why is it important to recalibrate your life according to God's Word? Why is it challenging at times?

PRAYER: Spend some time sharing prayer requests, and pray for one another. Pray specifically that you will let the teachings of Romans recalibrate your life to True North–following Jesus in every area of your life.