

# Go Deeper in ROMANS

Want to dive in deeper into ROMANS? Want to study ahead and prepare for future weeks?

What follows is a simple method of Bible study called the COMA method.

COMA studies a Bible passage in four steps:

## Context - Observation - Meaning - Application

To study a Bible passage in this way, simply ask and answer a few questions corresponding to each step. Note that not all questions apply to every Bible passage, and that you don't need to ask every one of these questions—even just one or two per step!

**Context** - this refers to the “surroundings” or background of the passage and the circumstances in which it was written. Context questions include queries like: Who wrote the passage? Why was it written, and to whom? What is the literary “genre” of the passage—history, poetry, a letter, law, etc., and how should we read it? What happens in the chapter or section immediately before, and after, the passage you're reading? Are there any themes or ideas that connect the passage you're reading to the rest of the book?

**Observation** - means carefully examining the passage you're reading. Observation questions include queries like: Is there any structure or arrangement to the passage? Is there any repetition or comparison or contrast? Are there key words or phrases in the text? Does anything surprise you or stick out somehow? Are there characters and what do they do or say? What theological terms used and what do they mean?

**Meaning** - this refers to the main point or idea that the original human author wanted his original audience to understand in a particular text. Meaning questions include queries like: How does the passage describe, point to, or refer back to Jesus Christ? What is the reader supposed to learn about God from the passage? If you could sum up the main point of the writer in a sentence, what would you say?

**Application** - this refers to how the reader is supposed to respond to the text. Application questions include queries like: Does this passage challenge or confirm my beliefs? Is there an attitude or assumption I must change? Are there any changes to my actions or the way I live being urged by the passage? Is there a promise that I should be believing or an attribute of God's nature that I should be trusting?

## Practice COMA This Week Reading Romans 1:1-32

# Message Notes

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## Who's Paul?

## What made Paul useful in God's Kingdom?

1. He had a \_\_\_\_\_
2. He had a \_\_\_\_\_
3. He had a \_\_\_\_\_

# Growth Guide.....Feb 9-15, 2020

*Growth Groups are sermon-based small groups that meet primarily in homes.  
To join a group, visit [mycpointe.com/growthgroups](http://mycpointe.com/growthgroups)*

Talking through the message during the week helps you and your Growth Group turn what God is saying to you into action steps in your life. You can use this study guide with your Growth Group, your family, or on your own.

## Pray

Ask God to clear your mind and help you focus. Ask God to speak to you as you work through this guide by yourself and with your Growth Group.

## Open

1. What's one big idea or concept that spoke to you from the message? Do you have a main take away?

## Read, Hear, & Live the Word

1. Read Romans 1:1.

Who is the author of Romans?

What do you know about this man?

Let's walk thru the book of Acts and learn about the man who wrote the "Greatest Letter of Good News."

2. Read Acts 7:1 - 8:3

What was taking place in this event?

What was Saul's role in this event?

What do you learn about Saul's character?

3. Read Acts 9:1-31

What takes place in this event?

What do you learn about who Saul was? His character? His behavior?

What changed in his life?

3. Read Acts 13:9

What significant event takes place in this verse?

Why is this important?

4. Read Acts 22 & Acts 25:23 - 26:32

In these passages you find Paul's testimony before the crowd and before King Agrippa.

Make a before & after comparison about Paul's life

What was he like before meeting Jesus?

How was his life changed?

How is he different since meeting Christ?

5. Think about your life. Have you met Jesus yet? Have you committed your life to living for him?

What's your before & after story? What was life like before you met Jesus? How has your life changed? Share your story with your growth group.

6. A testimony is meant to be proclaimed. Who have you shared your story with over the last 3 months? How did it go? Who do you need to share your story with?