

the **BIG** Story

REDEMPTION

NO ONE SEEKS FOR GOD (ROMANS 3:1-20)

Read Romans 3.1-20

1. **v.1-8**: In the last chapter Paul has said that religious Jews (like the pagan Gentiles) stand condemned under the law. According to Paul, is there any value in being a Jew? Similarly, is there any value in growing up in the church?
2. **v.9**: Paul says every person is “under sin.” What does that mean? How can both religious people and nonreligious people both be under sin?
3. **v.10-20**: Paul gives us a long list of all the effects of sin on us. There are at least seven. What are they?
4. How do you see the effects of sin on your life, thoughts and relationships?
5. **v.11**: Paul says, “No one seeks for God.” What does this mean? How does this statement square with all the people who seem to be searching for God?
6. **v.18**: What is “the fear of God?” How does this fact — that we don’t fear God — explain and even summarize everything else Paul’s said about sin?
7. How does taking a deep look at sin (as we do during Lent) help us to grow in our faith in God? our love for others?