

The Story Devotional Plan 2023

Chapter 9: The Church



Welcome to Chapter 9b of “*The Story*”, an exciting journey through the Bible!

Below are 21 days of Scripture to use in your time w/ God & to prep for the upcoming Sunday.

Here are some tips to get you started:

- For each passage, we encourage you to SOAP the text.
- For each day, we provide a question or statement to help you observe the text in order to apply it to your life. Ask God: “How should I apply this text to my life today?”
- Click on the following for video overviews of [Romans 1-4](#), [Romans 5-16](#), and [1 Corinthians](#).

Let's begin!

THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD

READ

- 10/30: [Rom 1:16-17](#)
- 10/31: [Rom 1:18-32](#)
- 11/01: [Rom 2:1-29](#)
- 11/02: [Rom 3:1-8](#)
- 11/03: [Rom 3:9-18](#)
- 11/04: [Rom 3:19-20](#)
- 11/05: [Rom 3:21-31](#)

REFLECT

How does the Gospel reveal the righteousness of God? See 3:21-26.
How does God’s “invisible attributes” & “righteous decree” condemn the unrighteousness of man?
How can a person’s own judgment leave him/her w/o excuse? How might this apply to you?
Have you let a Christian’s faithlessness impact your view of God? How can you fight against that?
What does it mean that “no one does good”? (v12)
What is a major purpose of the law? Why is it good to know your sin?
Faith is mentioned here 8 times. Other than “faith”, what is your favorite word in this text and why?

THE MOUNT EVEREST OF THEOLOGY

READ

- 11/06: [Rom 8:1-4](#)
- 11/07: [Rom 8:5-8](#)
- 11/08: [Rom 8:9-11](#)
- 11/09: [Rom 8:12-27](#)
- 11/10: [Rom 8:28-30](#)
- 11/11: [Rom 8:31-34](#)
- 11/12: [Rom 8:35-39](#)

REFLECT

Verse 3 gives us 3 unique blessings found in vv1, 2, & 4. What are they?
How can you proactively set your mind “on the things of the Spirit” today?
Is it possible to be a Christian and not have the Spirit?
Is it possible to have the Spirit and not be a Christian? If you have the Spirit, what is guaranteed?
You were a slave to sin. Now you are a child of God. What are the benefits of adoption?
Is it possible that the “good” mentioned in v28 is found in v29?
According to v30, is it possible for a Christian to lose his/her salvation?
How is v32 such incredibly hope-giving logic?
Have you ever doubted God’s love for you?
How is it impossible for a Christian to be separated from God’s love?

THE SPIRIT IN THE CHURCH

READ

- 11/13: [1 Cor 12:1-11](#)
- 11/14: [1 Cor 12:12-13](#)
- 11/15: [1 Cor 12:14-31](#)
- 11/16: [1 Cor 13:1-13](#)
- 11/17: [1 Cor 14:1-19](#)
- 11/18: [1 Cor 14:20-25](#)
- 11/19: [1 Cor 14:26-40](#)

REFLECT

What is “the common good” (v7).
Do you think that if you are not exercising your gift, there will be a lack of “the common good”?
Consider how both race and status have no bearing in the body of Christ?
How is the church the equalizer of all people?
How do you think a person realizes how God has gifted them? How has God gifted you?
Think of a tough relationship you have.
What is one action (vv4-7) you can take to shockingly love them well today?
What is the most important goal in speaking? (See vv5-6, 12, 17, & 19).
Is that your ultimate purpose when words leave your mouth?
How should we strive for the church gathering to build up believers and reach unbelievers?
Why is order (v26), discernment (v29), and decency (v40) so important when the church gathers?