**Get The Big Picture!**

**(Romans 1-16)**

**We’ve been “drilling deep” into the 3rd chapter of Romans and have been rewarded richly. Today we’ll take a step back to see the big picture “aerial view” of Romans in its entirety. In a compelling argument, Paul presents 5 key “Therefore” statements that provide a handle to grasp this great book.**

 **I. The “Therefore” of CONDEMNATION (3:20)**

*“Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight:*

 *for by the law is the knowledge of sin.”*

 **II. The “Therefore” of JUSTIFICATION (5:1)**

*“Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord*

 *Jesus Christ.”*

**III. The “Therefore” of SANCTIFICATION (8:1)**

*“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus,*

 *who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.”*

 **IV. The “Therefore” of a CHOSEN NATION (11:1)**

*“I say then (therefore), Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also*

 *am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.”*

 **V. The “Therefore” of APPLICATION (12:1)**

*“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your*

 *bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable*

 *service.”*

**Get the Big Picture!**

**(Romans 1-16)**

**Small Group Discussion Guide**

***Ice-breaker: What was something that interested you from Jess Crawford’s presentation of her trip to Nepal?***

**1. Read Romans 3:20. Why do we “get in trouble” when we compare**

 **ourselves to others rather than to God’s standard?**

**2. Read Romans 5:1. What is the difference between having peace**

 **WITH God and having the peace OF God? Why are they both**

 **important?**

**3. Read Romans 8:1. What does it mean to “walk not after the flesh,**

 **but after the Spirit?” How would you complete this statement –**

 **“In order to walk in the Spirit I must \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”**

**4. Read Romans 11:1. What is a proper attitude that we should have**

 **toward the Jews and the nation of Israel? Why?**

**5. Read Romans 12:1. What does it take to obey this command?**

 **What does a person look like who is obeying this command?**

**Digging Deeper**

**1. Using a study Bible or a commentary on Romans, find a good**

 **outline of the book and place each of the five “Therefore”**

 **statements (see front) into the outline to see how they fit into the**

 **flow of the book. You can request an outline of the book of**

 **Romans from** pastor@frontiernet.net

**2. Consider the important “Therefore” statements in Romans 6:4 and**

 **12. Jot down what these statements mean in your own words.**

 **Why are they crucial for your spiritual growth?**

**3. Take some time to reflect upon these “Therefore” statements in the**

 **the book of Romans – 2:1, 21, 26; 3:20, 28; 4:16, 22; 5:1, 18; 6:4,**

 **12; 8:1, 12; 9:18; 11:1, 22; 12:1, 20; 13:2, 7, 10, 12; 14:8, 13, 19;**

 **and 15:17.**

**4. There are ten “one another” commands for us in Romans 12-16.**

 **See if you can find them and evaluate yourself on each one of**

 **them.**