



Neighborhood Underground #3

"The Righteousness of God"

Romans 2 & 3

What is Neighborhood Underground?

We give major props to Pastor David Platt and his vision for what he calls "Secret Church."

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CHURCH**

KNOW HIS WORD. KNOW HIS PERSECUTED.

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We at Neighborhood Church are a "training" church, so we have tweaked Pastor Platt's version (he does all the teaching by himself) by tag-teaming the teaching with several gifted and trained teachers in the Neighborhood Church body. These teachers meet for roughly 10 hours together in the weeks leading up to Neighborhood Underground, studying the Word together, praying together, and working hard to be of the mind of Christ together. Add in another 10-20 hours at home individually on the passages for each mini-sermon, and you're about to experience a wonderful night together that is literally the culmination of well over 100 hours of preparation.

Tonight is NU#3! Romans chapters 2 and 3 is the Biblical text.

As always, we will start by bringing awareness to the underground church world-wide. Then, we have 8 mini-sermons planned, with worship and activities throughout the evening to keep us all engaged.

Please use this binder for your personal notes and take-aways.

Thank you for joining us!

We look forward to what the Holy Spirit has in store for us tonight!



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Order of the Evening:

7:00 Worship Song

7:05 Intro to NU (Kyle Coffin)

- David Platt’s vision / story
- NC’s version
- Look around, and find 4-5 people to spend the evening with

7:15 Underground Focus #3:

- The Underground Church in Iran (Warren Tyler)
- Prayer for the underground churches in groups

7:35 Worship Song

7:40 #1: Romans 2:1-11 (Kyle Coffin)

8:05 #2: Romans 2:12-16 (Jesse Shiflet)

8:30 Break

8:40 Worship Song

8:45 #3: Romans 2:17-24 (Jeremy Schneider)

9:10 #4: Romans 2:25-29 (Tyler Cassabaum)

9:35 #5: Romans 3:1-8 (Bill Hatch)

10:00 Break

10:10 Worship Song

10:15 #6: Romans 3:9-20 (Bruce Grissom)

10:40 #7: Romans 3:21-26 (Tim Nicholls)

11:05 #8: Romans 3:27-31 (Kyle Coffin)

11:20 Short Break

11:25 Worship Song

11:30 Q&A Time (Kyle facilitates)

11:50 Closing prayer in groups

12:00 Go and be the church!

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| * | The Underground Church in Iran | Warren Tyler |
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1) Pray for Christians in Iran's prisons

- to have genuine love for their guards and fellow inmates
- To shine the light of Christ through the darkness

2) Pray that persecuted Christians would share the hope of Christ

- with other persecuted minorities
- With all whom the Spirit leads them to share

3) Pray for Christians who have been cursed and disowned by their families for their faith.

- For sustenance from the Holy Spirit
- For them not to lose heart
- For the body of Christ to be their family

Notes...

| # | Romans 2:1-11 | Teacher |
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| 1 | <p><i>Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things. (2) We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things. (3) Do you suppose, O man—you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself—that you will escape the judgment of God? (4) Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? (5) But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed. (6) He will render to each one according to his works: (7) to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; (8) but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury. (9) There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek, (10) but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. (11) For God shows no partiality. (ESV)</i></p> | Kyle Coffin |

| # | Romans 2:12-16 | Teacher |
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| 2 | <i>For all who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. (13) For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. (14) For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. (15) They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them (16) on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus. (ESV)</i> | Jesse Shiflet |

| # | Romans 2:17-24 | Teacher |
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| 3 | <i>But if you call yourself a Jew and rely on the law and boast in God (18) and know his will and approve what is excellent, because you are instructed from the law; (19) and if you are sure that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, (20) an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of children, having in the law the embodiment of knowledge and truth—(21) you then who teach others, do you not teach yourself? While you preach against stealing, do you steal? (22) You who say that one must not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? (23) You who boast in the law dishonor God by breaking the law. (24) For, as it is written, "The name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you." (ESV)</i> | Jeremy Schneider |

| # | Romans 2:25-29 | Teacher |
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| 4 | <i>For circumcision indeed is of value if you obey the law, but if you break the law, your circumcision becomes uncircumcision. (26) So, if a man who is uncircumcised keeps the precepts of the law, will not his uncircumcision be regarded as circumcision? (27) Then he who is physically uncircumcised but keeps the law will condemn you who have the written code and circumcision but break the law. (28) For no one is a Jew who is merely one outwardly, nor is circumcision outward and physical. (29) But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter. His praise is not from man but from God. (ESV)</i> | Tyler Cassbaum |

| # | Romans 3:1-8 | Teacher |
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| 5 | <i>Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the value of circumcision? (2) Much in every way. To begin with, the Jews were entrusted with the oracles of God. (3) What if some were unfaithful? Does their faithlessness nullify the faithfulness of God? (4) By no means! Let God be true though every one were a liar, as it is written, "That you may be justified in your words, and prevail when you are judged." (5) But if our unrighteousness serves to show the righteousness of God, what shall we say? That God is unrighteous to inflict wrath on us? (I speak in a human way.) (6) By no means! For then how could God judge the world? (7) But if through my lie God's truth abounds to his glory, why am I still being condemned as a sinner? (8) And why not do evil that good may come?—as some people slanderously charge us with saying. Their condemnation is just. (ESV)</i> | Bill Hatch |

| # | Romans 3:9-20 | Teacher |
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| 6 | <p><i>What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, (10) as it is written:</i></p> <p><i>"None is righteous, no, not one; (11) no one understands; no one seeks for God. (12) All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one."</i></p> <p><i>(13) "Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive." "The venom of asps is under their lips." (14) "Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness." (15) "Their feet are swift to shed blood; (16) in their paths are ruin and misery, (17) and the way of peace they have not known." (18) "There is no fear of God before their eyes."</i></p> <p><i>(19) Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. (20) For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. (ESV)</i></p> | Bruce Grissom |

| # | Romans 3:21-26 | Teacher |
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| 7 | <p><i>But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— (22) the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: (23) for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, (24) and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, (25) whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. (26) It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. (ESV)</i></p> | Tim Nicholls |

| # | Romans 3:27-31 | Teacher |
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| 8 | <i>Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. (28) For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law. (29) Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, (30) since God is one—who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith. (31) Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law. (ESV)</i> | Kyle Coffin |

| # | Romans 2 & 3 | Teacher |
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| 9 | <p data-bbox="613 212 911 239"><i>Question and Answer time!</i></p> <p data-bbox="626 275 898 302"><i>Pastor Kyle will facilitate.</i></p> | ALL |