

GROUPS DISCUSSION GUIDE

Get Into The Word



Week of Sunday June 1, 2025

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**Living out our God-given calling as
we follow Jesus and make
disciples every day.**

Introduction

In Romans 1:16-17, Paul boldly declares his confidence in the gospel, emphasizing its transformative power for everyone who believes. This discussion invites us to reflect on how the resurrection empowers our daily lives, reshaping personal and communal well-being. As we explore the true meaning of salvation—not just as a passport to heaven, but as a call to live by faith and bring God's kingdom to earth—we'll examine how our faith can actively impact our communities.

Disciple Measure

Force For Good: How has the power of the gospel impacted your life and how is it impacting others through you?

Discussion Questions

Unashamed of the Gospel

HIGHLIGHT

Have someone read aloud...

Romans 1:16-17

EXPLAIN

Discuss the following questions...

Opening Question: What does it mean to you to be "unashamed" of something? Have you ever felt ashamed of your faith? Why or why not?

1. How does understanding the historical context of "salvation" change your perspective on the gospel's impact?
2. Paul wasn't ashamed of the gospel despite Jesus' apparent defeat on the cross. How does the resurrection change the narrative of Jesus' life and mission?
3. What does it mean to you that salvation is not just about individual souls going to heaven, but about God's work in the world now?
4. Discuss how salvation is a corporate and collective experience rather than just a personal one. How does this viewpoint shift the role of the church in the community?

Have someone read aloud Habakkuk 2:4.

5. How do you interpret Habakkuk 2:4, "The righteous will live by faith," in the context of Paul's message in Romans, and what implications does this have for living a life of faith today?

Notes:

Discuss the following questions...

- ## RESPOND



Prayer:

Thank God for His grace and the power of the gospel. Ask for courage to live unashamed of your faith and for opportunities to share God's love with others this week.

Questions for Families

Here are some questions you can discuss with the whole family.

Romans 1:16-17

What do these verses tell us about God's power and how it helps us?

Guide young children by explaining that God's power, like a loving force, can change our hearts and encourage us to share kindness. For older children, discuss how this power shows itself through Jesus's resurrection and brings salvation to all who believe.

How do these verses help us understand what it means to have faith?

For younger children, explain faith as trusting God, similar to trusting parents to care for them. With older kids, discuss living by faith through their actions and beliefs and relate them to their daily experiences.

What can we do to show we are not embarrassed about our faith in Jesus, like Paul said?

Suggest simple expressions for younger children, like saying a prayer at meals. For older children, explore how they can express their faith in various situations, such as standing up for what's right at school or sharing positive messages with friends.

NT 260

WEEK: 23

- Romans 4
- Romans 5
- Romans 6
- Romans 7
- Romans 8

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 5:47-48

Resources

Resources to Listen to

The Bible Recap: Romans 1-3



Join Tara-Leigh Cobble
for her brief overview of
[Romans chapters 1-3](#).
(9 min)

Resources to Watch

Bible Project Guide - Romans



The Bible Project gives
an in-depth guide
through [Romans](#) with
multiple resources and
videos.
(10 min)

Bible Project - Euangelion / Gospel



The Bible Project gives
an overview of the word
[Gospel](#) and it's meaning
in scripture.
(5 min)

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Commentary

Notes:

What’s Going On?

Romans 1:16-17 is a key passage where the Apostle Paul boldly declares he is "not ashamed of the gospel," emphasizing its power for salvation to everyone who believes. In this sermon, these verses are explored to highlight what Paul means by the "gospel" and why it is powerful. The passage continues to explain that the righteousness of God is revealed in the gospel, a righteousness that is grasped by faith, meaning a trust in God that involves both belief and action. Paul is passionate about this message, and he wants everyone, Jews and Gentiles alike, to understand and experience it.

He stresses that the gospel is a gift from God, not just a set of teachings or commandments, but a life-transforming power tied to faith. Instead of focusing solely on individual salvation, Paul wants his audience to see how the gospel affects communities and cultures, urging them to live out their faith and contribute to bringing God's kingdom to earth now. This sets the tone for the rest of the letter, where Paul addresses various aspects of faith, obedience, and the broader impact of living out the Gospel message.

Biblical Timeline



Notes:

A Bit of Background

To appreciate this passage, it's helpful to know about life during Paul's time. He wrote this letter to the Romans around A.D. 57, a time when the Roman Empire was the dominant power in the world. Life was tough, especially for Jewish and early Christian communities who found themselves marginalized or outright persecuted. Paul was a Roman citizen and a former Pharisee before converting to Christianity. He reached out to both Jews and Gentiles because he believed that what Jesus did—living a sinless life, dying on the cross, and rising from the dead—was for everyone.

The idea of resurrection was radical, especially for the Roman world where the power was often associated with military might and political control, not sacrifice and renewal. Paul's boldness in proclaiming the gospel came from his personal transformation and his encounter with the risen Christ. He viewed the gospel not just as another philosophy but as God's powerful intervention in history, inviting all people to trust in God's righteousness rather than their own efforts. This historical backdrop helps us appreciate why Paul insisted the gospel could unify diverse groups and provide hope amidst the challenges of his time.

Romans Written 57-58 AD

Birth of Christ

Crucifixion and Resurrection

End of Revelation

Today's highlighted passage and other related passages

Sermon Notes

Romans 1:16-17 CSB

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, first to the Jew, and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith, just as it is written: The righteous will live by faith.

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Living out our God-given calling as we follow Jesus and make disciples every day.

Spirit-Led Follower

A disciple who walks with Jesus daily, anchoring their lives to God's Word and obediently following the Holy Spirit where He leads.

Intentional Friend

A disciple who is always looking for ways to care for others and meet their needs. This is a practical way to be present in the lives of those around us.

Humble Guide

A disciple who is a humble guide takes every opportunity to help people take their next step closer to Jesus. This is someone who is constantly looking for opportunities to have Gospel conversations and speak truth into someone's life.

Force For Good

When a disciple lives out their God-given calling, they naturally become a force for good where they live, work, and play. This type of person is looking for opportunities to meet needs, heal brokenness, and bring tangible hope to the people in their life and in their community.



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