



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **PRC Banquet and Bottles** – Anyone who has not returned their PRC Baby Bottle, please return by next Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>.
- **AWANA Registration** – AWANA has started. Registration is still being accepted. Sign up on the APP or in the Kids area. AWANA meets on Tuesday nights from 6-7:15pm. Register your child today!

## MY STORY

**What would you want your last words to be?**

**If you had to summarize your life, how would you do it?**

## QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

**Have a Volunteer Read: Romans 16:25-27**

**Point 1: "To Him" ROMANS IS ALL ABOUT KNOWING AND LOVING GOD.**

The first point was that Romans is to show us all that life is "To Him" – to God.

- Why do you think Paul started this last section with the words "To Him"?
- Why is your understanding of God the most important thing about you?
- How does it affect our daily life to have a false view of who He is? (i.e. He is harsh, He is indifferent, He is uncaring, He only cares about behavior, etc.)

**Point 2: Who is able" GOD'S POWER OUR POWERLESSNESS.**

Romans tells us how we have exchanged God's glory for our own glory.

- How do we do that? Why do we do that?
- What makes it so tempting to make our lives just about ourselves?
- How does it make you feel when you put God's Glory above your own? Why don't we do it more often?

**Point 3: "To strengthen you according to my gospel." WE LIVE BY THE GOSPEL.**

Romans shows us that the gospel is not just a truth to be believed, the gospel makes us new people. One of Paul's big points in Romans is that we all sin and need Jesus' righteousness, not our own.

- How can admitting you're sinful and need a Savior be liberating and a good thing for our hearts?
- Doesn't admitting you're sinful just make you feel bad?

**Point 4:** "the mystery ... made known to all nations." **GOD HAD A PLAN ALL ALONG.**

God had a plan even before the beginning of time (as we know it) to bring the gospel of Jesus to all nations.

- How does it make you feel to know that God had a plan to bring you to righteousness?
- Do you struggle at times to remember that we are His and nothing can change that?
- Why is that so hard to believe sometimes?

**Point 5:** "By the command of the eternal God:" **GOD'S SOVEREIGN FREEDOM IN SALVATION.**

Romans challenges the definitions that some of us have in regards to fairness and what we see as freedom.

- How does it make you feel to know that at the center...of the center...of the center...of the universe is God and NOT you? Why?
- How would keeping that truth more a part of our daily lives help us?

**Point 6:** "To bring about the obedience of faith:" **GOSPEL GRACE CHANGES HOW WE LIVE.**

Romans is not just about doctrine. It's also about practical living – our head (doctrine), heart (affections and passions) and hands (actions).

- How does knowing the gospel change how we live? (i.e., treat people, handle differences, respond to government)

Theological Triage: the difference between absolutes, convictions and preferences.

Legalism – taking a preference and making it an absolute

Liberalism is taking an absolute and treating it like it's a preference

- Why is it important to know the difference?
- How does this help us know how to treat one another?
- Why is loving one another on secondary issues and holding to truth on primary issues so important for us to learn?

**Point 7:** "Be glory forever through Jesus Christ:" **ALL GLORY BELONGS TO GOD.**

Why is knowing Christ so important in "All glory belonging to God"?

## **APPLICATION**

Think about and discuss with your group or a friend, one of your favorite things you learned from our study of Romans.

## **PRAISES**

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**