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ROMANS

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The Power of the Gospel: Romans 1:1-17

Questions for Study and Group Discussion

*** Before you begin, please read Romans 1:1-17 as a group*

1. Icebreaker: Is the book of Romans brand new to you, or have you spent time in it in the past? What word(s) describe how you're feeling as we head into this study of Romans this Fall?
2. In a few phrases or a sentence or two, how would you define the word "gospel"?
3. Do you believe something transforming happens when the gospel gets a hold of someone? Are there ways you've seen the good news of the gospel impact your own life?
4. Focus on Romans 1:1-7. Make a list of observations about how the gospel impacts identity from these verses.
5. What truth(s) about a gospel-shaped identity stand out to you? How can this truth make a practical difference in your life this week?
6. In Romans 1:8-15, what do you learn about how the message of the gospel impacted Paul's mission?
7. In Romans 8:16-17, Paul says he is not ashamed of the gospel. What reasons does he give for this confident posture?
8. How does what you've learned about the gospel today shape your life's mission and the confidence you can have in the gospel?
9. What can you do this week to apply something you read from this passage or heard in the sermon?
10. What other questions or comments do you have about what you looked at in the Bible today?
11. **Challenge:** Identify one way this passage is challenging or encouraging you. Who can you tell about what you're learning this coming week?
12. **Challenge – Memorize Romans 1:16-17:** 16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. 17 For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."