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Community Group Discussion Guide

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The Gospel in Romans
Week 1 - The Power of the Gospel
Romans 1:1-7, 14-17

Read Romans 1:1-17 before answering the following questions.

Introduction

The book of Romans is brilliant apologetic for the Christian faith. Know this book well and it will equip you to share your faith in Christ. The title for this series is taken from Paul's personal declaration of confidence in the gospel.

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes.

Romans 1:16

Questions for Study

1. What do we learn about Paul from Acts 8:1-3 and 9:1-22? What more do we learn from what Paul wrote in Philippians 3:4b-9? What did Paul say about himself in the first verse of Romans 1? (Write answers on back.)

Write in one word in each box to describe Paul's view of Jesus and view of himself before and after his encounter with Christ in Acts 9.

	View of Jesus	View of self
Before		
After		

2. How can you use Paul's story as a reason to believe in the gospel message?
3. In verses 2-4 Paul gives us the two most important things to know about Jesus Christ. What are they? How can you use each one to explain your faith to another person? (Write answers on back.)
4. In verses 5 and 6 what does Paul say is the ultimate purpose of our salvation? (Write answer on back.)
5. In verses 8-13 we see a dramatic contrast between a man who was determined to destroy the church and this same man caring deeply for his fellow Christ followers. What does Paul say about himself that reveals the extent of his love? (Write answer on back.)
6. Why do you think Paul said that he's "obligated to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish" in verse 14? (Write answer on back.)
7. Do you think the pressures of contemporary culture cause some Christians to be "ashamed" of the Gospel? What are some ways Christians might alter the message to accommodate the culture?
8. How is the righteousness of God revealed in the gospel?