

The Gospel That Cannot Be Stopped

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

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SMALL GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

1. How does Paul describe himself at the beginning of the letter?
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3. Why does Paul want to visit the believers in Rome?
4. What does Paul mean when he says he is obligated, eager, and not ashamed?
5. Why is the gospel the power of God for salvation?
6. What does it mean to live by faith?

PERSONAL REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Do I find my identity more in Christ or in my accomplishments, roles, and reputation?
2. Am I living with a sense of God's calling and purpose?
3. When have I been hesitant or ashamed to identify with Jesus?
4. What specific fear do I need to surrender to God?
5. Am I trusting in Christ's righteousness or my own efforts?

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

For Conversation Around the Table

1. What is the gospel?
2. Why is the gospel called "good news"?
3. Why should we never be ashamed of Jesus?
4. What does it mean to trust Jesus with our lives?
5. How can our family show others the love of Christ this week?
6. Who can we pray for that needs to know Jesus?

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