

Wrestling with Romans
Romans 1:1-17
Discussion Guide, February 7, 2021

CHECK UP:

Memory Work Review: Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is. – Ephesians 5:15-17

- In what ways did you strive to make a kingdom difference this past week? In what ways were you successful?
 - o How do you need this group to pray for you as you strive to live a life on mission?

OPEN:

- Do the people that you spend most time with each day know you are a Christian?
 - o Do you ever find yourself fearful that someone might find out?

READ and ASK: Romans 1:1-17

- How does Paul describe himself?
- What are some reasons that Paul is writing to the Roman church?
- What truths about Jesus Christ does Paul proclaim in this passage?
- What is Paul’s life calling? Who is he specifically called to reach?
- For what reasons do Christians sometimes feel ashamed of the gospel?
- What is the gospel? How does this text define it?
- What does salvation mean?

(apply section on back)

APPLY:

- When did you first feel the call of Jesus in your life? How did you feel when you realized God’s gospel was meaningful to you?
 - o How would you describe your relationship to Jesus Christ right now? Finish this sentence: “I am a...”
 - Seeker?
 - Student?

- Beginner?
 - Servant?
 - Follower?
 - Something else?
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- When have you been in a situation where, as a Christian, you felt like you “stuck out”? Were you bold or embarrassed?
 - How do we become more bold in our faith?
 - For what reasons are you confident that the gospel is true?

 - Who was the Paul in your life who encouraged you in the early years of your Christian faith?

 - How would you explain God’s plan of salvation to a friend?
 - How does prayer need to be kept at the center of your “mission field”?

 - NEXT STEP: With whom can you be more honest and forthright about the gospel message you believe? For what “unreachable” person will you begin praying for this week?

Memory Work:

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.

- Romans 1:17