

DISCUSSION GUIDE

NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL
Romans 1:16-17
Not Ashamed (Romans) — Week 3

ICEBREAKER: What holds you back?

OVERVIEW: Romans 1:16-17 contain the central theme of the book of Romans. Understand this passage, and you can understand the entire book of Romans. This passage is what sparked the Protestant Reformation that changed the world forever. And it is all about the gospel of Jesus Christ. In this study we will go deeper with the passage and learn the truth about the good news of Jesus Christ.

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. What is the gospel?
3. Why is the gospel such good news?
4. When was the first time you heard the gospel?
5. Read Romans 1:1. What did Paul call the gospel? Why is the gospel the "gospel of God"?
6. Read Romans 1:2. What was promised beforehand, and how was it promised beforehand?

7. Read Romans 1:3. Who does this verse say the gospel is about? The sermon explained the gospel in four words. What were they, and what do they mean?
8. Read Romans 1:9. How did Paul serve God? Can you serve God in the same way? Explain.
9. Read Romans 1:16-17. Why is it tempting for Christians to be ashamed of the gospel? Why should we not be ashamed?
10. What does it mean that the gospel is the power of God for salvation (v. 16)?
11. What are the three ways the gospel saves from sin?
11. Verse 16 says the gospel must be believed. What are the three elements of saving faith?
11. What does it mean that in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed (v. 17)?

The Last Word: "The gospel -- the good news -- is that the rule of God has arrived in Jesus to save sinners before the kingdom arrives at his second coming in judgment." John Piper

