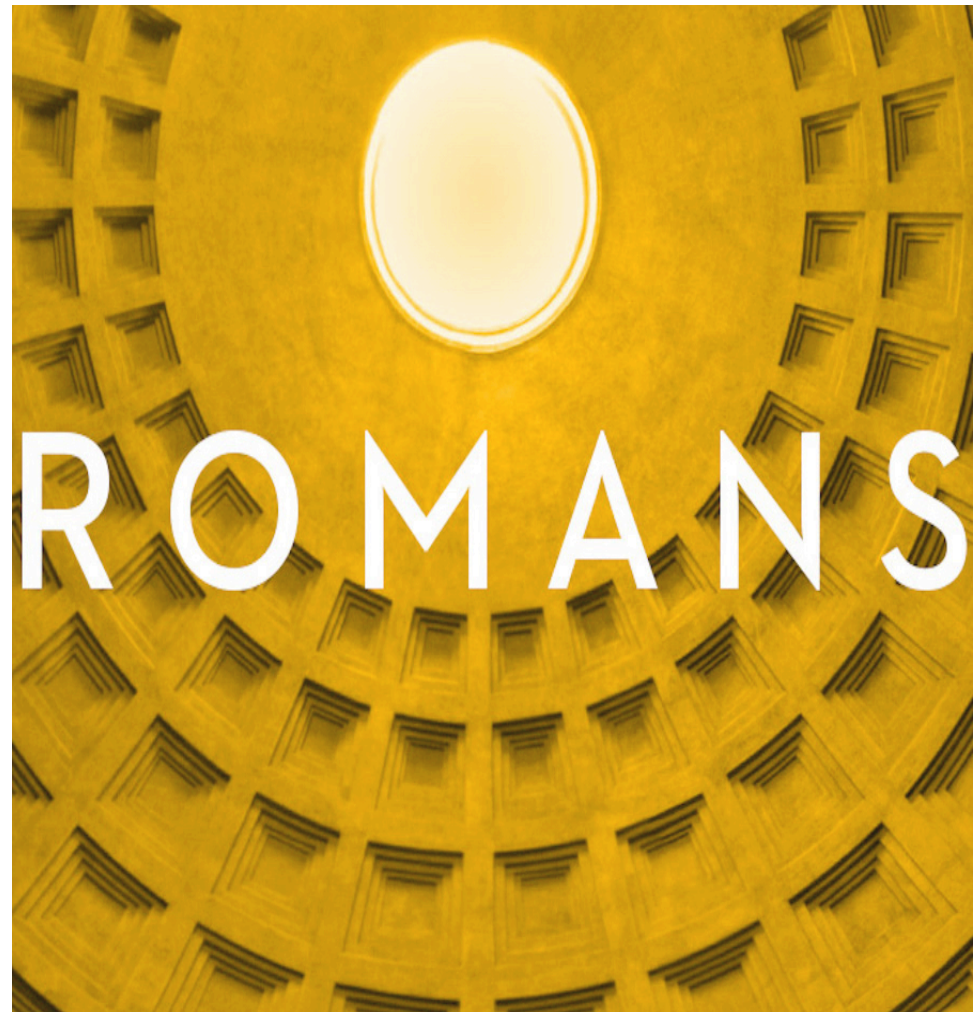


Life Group / Reflection Questions

Read Romans 1:1-17

- *Read Romans 1:1. What does Paul tell us about himself? How does Paul act as a model for our own response to the Gospel?*
- *Paul mentions a promise God made in the OT about a promised King to David. Read 1 Chronicles 17:11-14. What does this passage tell us about the promised King?*
- *Why would Paul's audience in Rome find this promise important? What was their relationship to David? Israel?*
- *Paul tells us the Gospel = Good News! Is this how you see the Gospel? Why or why not?*
- *Paul defines the Gospel in Romans 1:3-6. Paul tells us Jesus was both fully human & fully divine. Why does this matter? How does this affect the Gospel if we focus on one and downplay the other?*
- *How does the Gospel have the ability to change the way we see the world around us? Read Romans 1:7. Who were the Romans? How did Paul see his audience?*
- *Have you ever felt ashamed of the Gospel? How can Romans 1:16-17 change our shame to freedom and joy to share the Gospel?*
- *From this scripture, what do we learn about Jesus?*
- *From this scripture, what do we learn about ourselves?*
- *How am I to relate to Jesus in light of this passage?*
- *What truths or promises can I claim in light of this passage?*
- *How am I responding to the Gospel? How am I trusting in faith that Jesus has made me righteous = right in God's sight?*



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Romans 1:1-17**

HOW I AM TO RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL?

Romans 1:1 Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,

WHO WAS PAUL? A messenger of the Gospel

Romans 1:2-6 ² which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, ³ concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴ and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵ through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, ⁶ including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

- Gospel: “euangelio” = “Good Herald” or “Good News”

I AM TO RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL AS:

Good News of what has already happened

- **The Good News = Jesus: God’s Conquering King has arrived, he has defeated our enemies & made way for us to be His.**

Romans 1:7 ⁷ To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I AM TO RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL AS:

A message of God’s Heart for ALL People

- **All People are Loved By God**
- **All People are called to be His**
- **All People can experince God’s Grace & Peace**

Romans 1:8-15 ⁸ First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world. ⁹ For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you ¹⁰ always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God’s will I may now at last succeed in coming to you. ¹¹ For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you— ¹² that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other’s faith, both yours and mine. ¹³ I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles. ¹⁴ I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. ¹⁵ So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.

I AM TO RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL AS:

Good News I am Obligated to Share

- **Share it to believers as an encouragement**
- **Share it to unbelievers to reveal the power of God**

Romans 1:16-17

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

I AM TO RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL AS:

Shamed and yet set free from Shame

The Gospel tell us...

- **We are Spiritual Failures ... so Jesus gives us salvation for free**
- **We are wicked ... so only Jesus could death could save us**
- **We can never be good enough ... so Jesus lived a perfect life**
- **We are not powerful ... so Jesus gave gives up his power**

I AM TO RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL:

In Faith because it has made me Righteous