

Gospel Power

Insights on Romans 1:1-17

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What is the Gospel?

(Isaiah 43:15, Romans 3:23, 1 Peter 2:24, Romans 10:9, John 3:16)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

What does the Gospel do for us?

(Romans 1:1-17, Ephesians 2:8, 2 Corinthians 5:17)

1. The Gospel gives us _____
2. The Gospel gives us _____
3. The Gospel gives us _____
4. The Gospel gives us _____
5. The Gospel gives us _____

What does the Gospel require?

- The Gospel requires...
- Our response determines...

This weeks discussion guide:

Welcome to week 1 of our Small Group Session! We are glad that you have decided to take this journey digging into God's Word with others. We pray this is a time of growth, encouragement, and fun as you deepen friendships and make new friends along the way! This is a 10 week session of small groups as we will wrap up the week of November 12th.

Looking Back:

1. We are just coming off of summer! As part of getting to know each other better, tell of a highlight or two you had this past summer.
2. Part of looking back is looking for times you saw God move in or around you. Was there a time over the summer where you saw God move?

Looking Up:

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

1. This weekend we were introduced to the book of Romans written by the apostle Paul. As we learn more about Paul we realize he's a man with a huge past but also someone through whom God has worked to do some pretty amazing things. Like Paul, many of us also have a story of what life was like before Jesus and what it's been like after. If someone were to ask you to bullet-point some of your before and after story, what would you say?

How might the following verses help you or someone you know who struggles with moving forward from a troubled past?

- 2 Corinthians 5:17
- Romans 6:4
- Romans 8:11

2. A common theme in the writings of Paul is his reminder of God's grace for us. As we learn more about God's grace, we come to understand it wasn't meant to just be received. How do the following verses paint a picture of God's bigger purpose for giving us grace?

- 1 Timothy 1:12-17
- Ephesians 2:4-10
- 1 Peter 4:10

After reading the above verses, can you think of any ways or times you've experienced grace in your own life?

3. The Gospel threads are a great tool for sharing the "whole Gospel." The threads all build on each other and each one is an essential piece of the Gospel. In order to better grasp the threads, it is a good practice to learn to recognize one of the threads when we come across it in Scripture. Read through Romans 1:1-17 individually and take note of any threads you see in this passage, then come together and share the threads you have seen in this passage.

4. Paul knows about the blessings of being in Christian fellowship. In verse 12 Paul says that he hopes that he and the Romans will be "mutually encouraged by each other's faith." Why is mutual encouragement valuable to Christians? Why do we need it?

Looking Forward:

Based on last week's message and our discussion, is there any specific application the Holy Spirit might be prompting you to live out? As you live this out be ready to share some "success" stories next week!

Possible Applications:

- Memorize the 5 threads of the Gospel
- Look for an opportunity to share a Gospel thread
- Give grace to someone this week

As we look forward to this week let's pray for one another!