



NOT ASHAMED Romans 1:16-17

Life Group Study -- Week of November 11, 2018

Memorize.

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. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

Romans 1:16-17

Open.

Share a hymn, worship song, secular song or movie that in your opinion best expresses what you consider to be the essential message of the gospel.

Study. Read Romans 1:16-17.

If you had the opportunity to hear Pastor Jim's message on Sunday, what stood out to you personally? What questions did it raise for you, if any?

As a group, discuss what you know to be the core elements of the gospel, i.e., the minimum essentials apart from which the gospel ceases to be the gospel.

In verse 16, Paul declares, "I am not ashamed of the gospel." Why might he or anyone today feel the impulse to be ashamed of resting their hope and confidence in the gospel?

The word "gospel" is translated from the Greek *euangellion*, or "good news." Who is the source of that good news? See Romans 1:1,16; Galatians 5:11-12.

How are we to reply to those today who insist that the gospel is a matter of mere human invention or even conspiratorial concoction?

In what sense can Paul say that the gospel is power? To what effect? What is salvation?

If the gospel is God's power, what are some reasons we depend on our own power to persuade people to believe in Jesus Christ?

What does Paul say is the scope of the gospel? Who is included among "everyone who believes"? Why? Who is excluded?

Read Romans 5:8 and Luke 23:39-43. On what basis was Jesus able to make such a promise to a guilty thief who was experiencing capital punishment for his own sin? On what basis is that promise made to people today?

What is "the righteousness of God"? How is it revealed in the gospel? How does God's righteousness become ours through personal faith?

As we close, if you personally have received God's righteousness through faith in Christ, share the story of how you came to rest your confidence in Him.

Remember to pray for, and share Christ with your

