



WHERE THERE IS NO CHURCH

DISCUSSION GOAL



Discuss the power of the Gospel and what it looks like to reach the world around you with the good news of salvation.

ICE BREAKER



Summer is just around the corner. What is your favorite summer activity?

TEXT



Have a member of your group read the passage aloud.

Romans 1:8-17

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.

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."

MESSAGE OUTLINE



This is what our pastoral team observed about the passage.

Big Idea: The gospel is the power of God for salvation to all who believe.

Key Question: How do we live out the power of the gospel to reach the world?

1. Believers live with a faith and longing to go. (vv. 8-13)
2. We recognize the power for all who believe. (vv. 14-15)
3. We are not ashamed of the gospel. (vv. 16-17)

DISCUSSION



- This week’s passage is about sharing the Gospel, which Paul refers to in Romans 1:16 as “the power of God for salvation to all who believe.” When did you first hear the Gospel and who shared it with you? Do you know who shared the Gospel with the person who first shared it with you?
- In verses 8-13 of Romans 1, Paul expresses a desire to go visit the church in Rome to aid them in spreading the gospel, to encourage them in their faith and to be encouraged by them. How can you relate to Paul’s longings in these verses? Have you experienced a time when you sought to encourage someone, and they ended up encouraging you? Share your experience with the group.
- Paul makes it clear in Romans 1:14-15 that the power of the Gospel is for ALL who will believe. Is there anyone in your life that you desire to see reached with the Gospel? What would it look like for you to share the Gospel with that person?
- Read Romans 1:16. Has fear or shame ever kept you from sharing the gospel? If so, share about that time. Were you able to overcome your fear? What does it look like to “not be ashamed of the gospel?”
- Read Matt 28:18-20. As believers we are called by Jesus to share the Gospel. What would it look like for you to live out the power of the gospel this week and reach those in your personal/local community? Discuss what it might look like to reach the world outside of your local community, perhaps internationally. Have you ever considered a short or long-term mission trip?

LIFE APPLICATION



The Gospel is the power of God for salvation to all who believe...but before someone can believe, they need to hear! How can you as a group help others hear the Gospel? What next step does your group need to take towards reaching the world around them with the good news of salvation?

Dot your ideas below and send a picture to your group to remind everyone of your action steps this week.

PRAYER REQUESTS


