

Sermon Discussion Guide

"Paul's Purpose and God's Power"
Romans 1:8-17

1.) In verse 8, Paul highlights that the faith of the believers in Rome has been proclaimed in all the world. In some sense, they are famous for their faith.

- What do you want to be known for? Is it your faith or is it something else?
- What does it mean to be "famous for your faith"?

2.) A part of Paul's purpose for going to see the believers in Rome is to impart some spiritual gift to strengthen them and to experience mutual encouragement from one another. When we seek to strengthen other believers, we usually leave mutually encouraged.

- What gifts has God gifted you to serve others and strengthen their faith?
- Think of someone that you have been encouraged by recently. Who are they and in what ways have you been encouraged by their faith and their life? How do you plan to tell them that you are encouraged by them?

3.) The gospel is the power of God for salvation for everyone who believes.

- What is the gospel?
- What does it mean to you that the gospel is the power of God for salvation?

4.) Paul believed that the gospel message has the power to save. He felt eager, obligated, and unashamed to preach the gospel to them.

- Do you feel eager to share the gospel with others? Why or why not?
- Do you feel that it is your responsibility and duty to share the gospel with others? Why or why not?
- Do you feel ashamed to share the gospel with others? If so, in what ways? If not, what helps you feel bold and unashamed of the gospel?

Additional Verses

Hebrews 11:6, Hebrews 10:25, Romans 10:9-13, 1 Corinthians 15:1-4, 2 Timothy 1:7