

VGROUP STUDY GUIDE
"ROMANS-FULFILLING GOD'S MISSION"
ROMANS 1: 1-7
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FOCAL POINT: What is the importance of a mission? What is your mission at work? What is your mission at home? What is your mission as a Christian? What is the mission of the church?

TEXT:

*Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle and singled out for God's good news **2** which He promised long ago through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures **3** concerning His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who was a descendant of David according to the flesh **4** and who has been declared to be the powerful Son of God by the resurrection from the dead according to the Spirit of holiness. **5** We have received grace and apostleship through Him to bring about the obedience of faith among all the nations, on behalf of His name, **6** including yourselves who also belong to Jesus Christ by calling: **7** To all who are in Rome, loved by God, called as saints. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."*

Knowing what the mission is matters! The next step is to fulfill the mission. Let's look and see what fulfilling God's mission requires. Fulfilling God's mission requires:

Knowing your position (v. 1)

1. I'm sure you've heard the phrase "Know your place." What's important about "knowing your place?" What did Paul know about his place according to v. 1? How could this identity be seen as a positive? Why would Paul be willing to hold this place with Christ?

2. Name the next identity Paul had in v. 1. Look up definition of "apostle." Read about a requirement for an apostle in Acts 1: 21-22.

3. What is your position with Christ? How should this impact your daily living?

Knowing your message (vv. 2-4)

1. What do these verses let us know about the message Paul was sharing?
2. V. 2 lets us know that the message of Jesus was rooted in the Old Testament. Why does that matter and how does it give weight to Jesus' life?
3. We know about Jesus and His message through Scripture. *Read 2 Tim. 3: 16-17.* What do these verses let us know about the Bible? If the Bible is God's Word, then we need to know what it says so we can share it with others.
4. How well do you know the message of Jesus? How do you share the message with others?

Knowing your audience (vv. 5-7)

1. Who was Paul's audience? *Read Rom. 15: 15-16* to see whom God called Paul to reach.
2. How many of you hunt or play golf? In both instances, range finders are very helpful. How do they help? In a similar sense knowing your audience is like a range finder. How does it help?
3. What's your primary audience? Name some ways you can go about reaching your audience with the message of Jesus.