

Discussion Questions with Emily LeVault

- 1. Paul says the gospel is "the power of God for salvation" (Romans 1:16). If salvation is more than just going to heaven, what does Paul mean we're being saved from—and for—in this passage? How does this challenge or expand your view of salvation? Your salvation? Salvation for strangers?
- 2. Romans 1 describes a culture that looks a lot like today's —driven by selfish desires and distorted values. What's the danger of blaming "them" instead of seeing how we're all affected by sin and false systems? How can humility help us resist both idolatry and [the idol of] self-righteousness?
- 3.Read Acts 17:22-31; Consider which of our modern idols is most dangerous for you personally. Think of the sneaky ones like busyness, marriage, children, self-discipline, healthy living, activism, doom scrolling, celebrity pastors, or "protecting your peace".
- 4. Paul talks about God's wrath being "revealed" (Romans 1:18)—not as fire from heaven, but as God letting people go their own way. How is this view of wrath different from what you've heard before?
- 5. 1 Kings 18:16-40 How is Elijah an example of someone living free from compromise, or the need to please anyone but God? Is there someone in your life that needs to see what YOUR God has done? How can you share that with grace and compassion (Elijah openly mocked his counterparts about their god being too busy taking a poo; let's stay classy in Christ.)