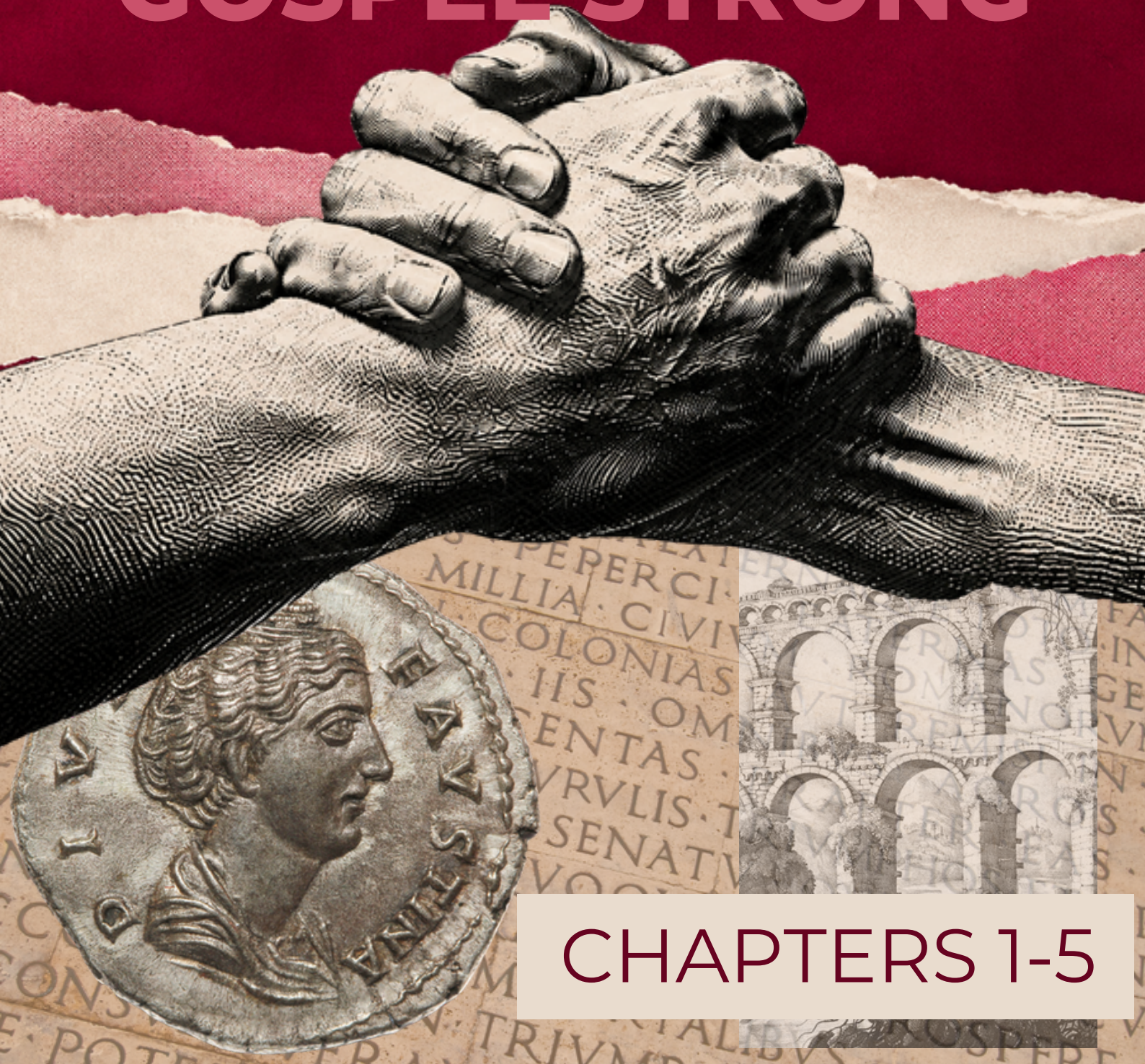


GROWTH
GROUP

ROMANS

GOSPEL STRONG



CHAPTERS 1-5



**Church on Sunday
16 August**



**4 themed meals over
4 weeks starting Tues
25 August**

“We want to see the news of Jesus producing more and more life-long disciples, who together see the gospel reach further and deeper into Canberra and beyond.”

“**Come and See**” is a great opportunity for us to invite friends, family & colleagues to join us at church. The service will be tailored to suit those who may be new or less familiar to church. There will be a gospel talk on Luke 7 and some fancier snacks or a special meal after the service.

During the service we'll advertise our 4-week series “**Taste and See**”. This will be happening on 25 August, 2 Sept, 9 Sept & 16 Sept from 6.30pm at the Crossroads Ministry Centre.

**Take 5-10 mins now to pray for each event
and for opportunities for you to invite others.**

We'll have a short slot at the start of the next few weeks before jumping into Romans to encourage each other by checking in on how invites are going & planning and praying for our Reach events in August!



STUDY 1

THE NEED FOR THE GOSPEL



Engage

What is something people are tempted to hide because they're worried about what others will think?



Observe

Read Romans 1 together. As you read:

Circle repeated words or ideas.

Underline everything the passage says about God.

Draw a box around everything the passage says about humanity.



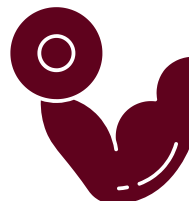
What contrasts do you notice between God and humanity throughout the chapter?



Dig deeper

What stands out about how Paul describes himself, Jesus and the gospel in verses 1-7?

According to verses 16-17, why is Paul not ashamed of the gospel?



Why are these verses the key to understanding the whole chapter?

You can use pages 4-5, 8-9 of your printed booklet to read and mark up chapter 1.

What does creation make clear about God according to verses 18–23? What problem does humanity have?

Three times Paul says, "God gave them over". What does this tell us about God's judgment?

How does verses 18–32 help us understand why the gospel is such good news?

Live it out

What kinds of fears or desires might stop us from speaking or living openly for the gospel this week?

Where are we tempted to exchange God's truth for something that feels easier, more satisfying, or more acceptable?

Who in your life are you currently praying will grow in their love for Jesus, and how might you encourage them in God's Word this week?



Respond in prayer

- Pray that God would guard our hearts and minds from suppressing the truth.
- Pray that many people would hear and respond to the gospel, and come to worship the Creator rather than created things.
- Pray for the person you shared about earlier, that they would grow in their love for Jesus

STRUCTURE OF ROMANS

Intro: I (Paul) want to strengthen your faith by teaching you the gospel (1:1-17)

- Paul has been set apart for the gospel 1:1-7
- Paul wants to build up the Roman believers, by preaching the gospel (God's power to save) (1:8-17)

We all need God's righteousness: humanity is under the right judgment of God (1:18-3:20)

- Gentiles are under the reign of sin:
 - Men suppress the truth about God in creation, they are without excuse (1:18-23)
 - God is judging them by giving them up to their sin (1:19-32)
- Jews are under the reign of sin (2:1-3:8)
- The whole world is under the reign of sin (3:9-20)

God has revealed his righteousness through faith in Christ (3:21-4:25)

- Righteousness by faith in Christ, apart from works (3:21-31)
- Just like for Abraham:
 - Not justified apart from works (4:1-12)
 - Justified by faith (4:13-25)

What this righteousness means for us... (5:1-8:39)

- We can be assured we have peace with God (5:1-11)
- We were dead through Adam, now alive through Christ (5:12-21)
- ...the blessings continue...in 2027!! Or beyond!