

Family Discussion Guide: Unashamed of the Gospel

Passage: Romans 1:8–17

Main Idea: Because the gospel is God’s power to save, we can trust Jesus and live unashamed of Him.

1. Connect

Ask:

“What is something you really enjoy telling people about—a favorite food, team, movie, game, or place?”

Follow up:

“Why is it easy to talk about that?”

Say:

“Usually, we talk freely about what we love. Today we will see why Paul was eager—not ashamed—to tell people about Jesus.”

2. Read God’s Word

Read *Romans 1:8–17* aloud.

Ask everyone to listen for:

- What Paul says about the gospel
- Why Paul is not ashamed
- What faith looks like

3. Discuss

- Paul cared about other believers
- Paul thanked God for the Christians in Rome, prayed for them, and wanted to encourage them.

Ask:

- Who in our family, church, school, or neighborhood could use encouragement this week?
- What is one way we can encourage someone to trust Jesus?

The gospel is powerful

Paul says the gospel is “the power of God” for salvation. The gospel is the true good news that Jesus died for our sin, rose again, and gives new life to everyone who believes in Him.

Ask:

- What makes the gospel more than just a good story?
- Why do you think God’s power is in the gospel, rather than in our ability to explain it perfectly?
- When have you seen God help, change, forgive, or strengthen someone?

We can live by faith

Paul says, “The righteous will live by faith.” Faith is trusting God with our whole lives—even when we feel nervous, uncertain, or afraid.

Ask:

- What can make it hard to let people know that we follow Jesus?
- What is one situation where you need to trust God this week?
- How can our lifestyle show that we are not ashamed of Jesus?

4. Put It Into Practice

Choose one small family step for the week:

- Pray for one person who needs Jesus.
- Encourage one person with a kind word, text, card, or prayer.
- Tell someone one reason you are thankful for Jesus.
- Choose one worry and pray about it together instead of carrying it alone.
- Spend one minute each day praying as a family.

Say: “

Small steps of faith can have a big impact when God is at work.”

5. Pray

Invite each family member to finish this sentence:

“Jesus, help me trust You with _____.”

Then pray:

“Jesus, thank You for the gospel and for Your power to save. Help our family trust You in every part of life. Give us courage to live openly for You, to love people well, and to share Your good news with joy. Amen.”

Memory Verse

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes.”

-Romans 1:16