

The Gospel Overhaul: Romans 1:1-17

Michael Warren – May 1, 2022 Small Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion. Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through "observation" leaving enough time for "reflection", "discussion", and "surrender."

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: What does this scripture passage say? Take some time to look up and read: Romans 1:1-17

- 1. Identify the theological statements that Paul makes in this introduction (things that describe God).
- 2. Identify aspects of Paul's testimony in this introduction (things that describe Paul).

Reflection and Discussion: What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures? Talk together about how the scriptures connect to everyday life

- 3. Why do you think Paul combined aspects of both theology and testimony in this letter to the Romans?
- 4. What do you know about Paul's life before his radical life change (Acts 7-9)? Contrast the "old Paul" and the "new Paul" (before and after his conversion).
- 5. Share with members of your group how your spiritual/religious life has changed because of the gospel. Has anyone in your group come from differing denominational backgrounds and upbringings? What are the differences between "then" and "now"?
- 6. In the book of Romans, Paul steps into the task of unifying the Jews and the Gentiles through in-depth explanations of the Gospel? What made unity difficult for these two groups of people? What makes unity difficult in the church today?
- 7. If there is any person in your group that hasn't shared their life change story (testimony), take some time to share those now.

Surrender: Responding to God's voice.

- 8. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?
 - ** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today **