

LifeGroup Study SheetJanuary 15th and 18th, 2026 – Romans 1:1-17

This guide is designed to give helpful hints in preparing for your group discussion.

Quick Review

Look back from your sermon notes – Was there anything that particularly challenged you from this sermon? Anything you didn't understand, agree with or connect with?

Introduction

What's a mistake you can laugh about now, but wasn't funny at the time? What kinds of things do people most commonly feel ashamed of in our culture? Why do you think people sometimes feel ashamed of their faith?

Digging In

Question 1: Read Romans 1:1-17. The Apostle Paul starts this book by talking about **his calling** from the Lord Jesus Christ. Paul's call shaped **who he was** ("a servant of Christ Jesus") before **what he did**. How has Jesus shaped your identity as His follower? In what everyday areas (work, family, school, community) do you sense Jesus calling you to live differently? Are there distractions, fears, or comforts that make it hard to respond fully to Jesus' call right now?

Question 2: Read Romans 1:2-14, Paul was very confident in the Gospel (**v.2**) and committed to preaching the Gospel (**v.14**). Why does Paul emphasize that the gospel was **promised beforehand**? How does grounding the gospel in the Old Testament Scriptures strengthen its credibility? Paul trusted that God keeps His promises. Why is confidence in God's promises essential for faith? What dangers arise when confidence is placed more in personal experience than in God's Word?

How is Paul's sense of obligation different from guilt or pressure? How does seeing the gospel as something **entrusted** to us change our motivation to share it? Do you view sharing the gospel more as an option or a responsibility? Why?

Question 3: Read Romans 1:16-17. Paul gives us the power behind the courage he had to share the Gospel with others in these two verses! Paul is literally saying that the thing that gives him the courage or "power" to do what God has asked him to do is found in the Gospel! According to verse 16, where does the **power** of the gospel come from? Verse 17 says the *righteousness of God* is revealed in the gospel. What do you think this phrase means? How does trusting in the **power of the message** (rather than our ability to explain it) give courage to share? What is one step you can take this week to rely more on the power of the gospel than on your own confidence?

Praise / Prayer Requests

Pray for your group with these things in mind:

Adoration – How can I praise God for what this teaches me?

Confession – What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving – How can I thank God for what Jesus has done?

Supplication – What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?