

The Heart of the Matter

12. When did you first sense Jesus' call on your life? How has that call changed your goals? Your sense of obligation to others?

13. How important should the Old Testament be to us in relation to the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

14. How are you like Jesus and how are you different from Him?

15. In light of who Jesus is and what He has done for you, how should you be responding to His call on your life right now?

16. Who do you need to reach out to with the call of the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

Praises and Prayer Requests:



Life Group Study Guide

The Grace of His Calling Romans 1:1-7 For the Week of September 8, 2019

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. When you write a letter are you more likely to write until you run out of paper or keep it short and to the point?
3. What is one place you have never seen that you would like to visit?

Digging Deeper

4. What seems to be the occasion of Paul's letter to the Romans? (Check out an introduction to Romans in a Study Bible or online.) How familiar is Paul with the church in Rome?

5. What do you think Paul means when he says that he is "a servant of Christ Jesus?" What does Paul mean that he is "called to be an apostle?"

6. The word "Gospel" literally means "good news." How had God promised the Gospel beforehand through the prophets in the Holy Scriptures? Can you think of any particular Old Testament passages that describe the Gospel? (Genesis 3:15; Psalm 22:12-21; Isaiah 7:14; 9:6-7; 52:13-53:12; Ezekiel 36:22-32; Micah 5:2; other passages?)

7. How is Jesus described in verses 3-4? List what you find about Jesus.

8. What is Paul trying to communicate to us in verse 5? According to this verse, what have we received? What are we to do with what we have been given?

9. How does Paul describe the Christians in Rome in verse 7? How would this description be meaningful to those who were reading this letter?

10. With how Paul uses the word in verse 7, what exactly is a "saint?"

11. In verse 7, what does Paul wish for all the believers in Rome? How might the believers in Rome need what Paul is wishing for them?