

Sermon Outline

Romans Series, Part 1: The Transforming Power of the Gospel (1:1-17)

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Main Idea: We start a 12-part series to study and learn God's most complete message regarding the gospel from Paul's letter to the Romans. Of the gospel, Jerry Bridges said, "The gospel is not only the most important message in all of history; it is the only essential message in all of history."

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1. The Gospel Unifies the Church
2. The Gospel Propels the Church

Key Text/Quotes:

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, 'The righteous shall live by faith.'" Romans 1:16-17

"Where the gospel is honored, God's people are unified." Brian Chapell

Fellowship Starters:

1. Read Romans 1:1-17 and open in prayer.
2. In light of the historical significance of this Book in church history, open with a discussion regarding the group's understanding of and use of the Book of Romans in their lives. How significant has this book been and what benefits have people derived from reading and studying it previously? Why is it such an important book?
3. Kevin discussed the nature of the gospel in unifying the church at Rome and its clear implications for every church. Discuss what he meant by that and how each member has sought to apply this to their own life?
4. Discuss Chapell's quote above and how struggles in maintaining unity can reflect a lack of either gospel understanding or application.
5. Discuss the way in which Paul encouraged the church to view mission as a logical overflow of the gospel being understood and cherished.
6. Kevin said "living in a culture that isn't a fan of your message isn't an excuse to ignore your mission." In any small group, some may be excelling at doing mission, while others may not be. Take some time to pray for one another that we might all be increasingly fruitful for God in seeing His church built.

