



Romans 1:1-17 | Week 1 | 2/2/2014

1. Read Romans 1:1-17.
2. Why is Paul not ashamed of the gospel message?
3. Can anyone tell a story of how you have seen the power of the gospel in action?
4. Why is the gospel God's power to rescue anyone who believes? (v. 17)
5. In what ways does the message of Jesus seem foolish to the world today?
6. (Caesar's messengers didn't go around the world saying, "Caesar is lord, so if you feel you need to have a Roman Empire kind of experience, you might want to submit to him." Jesus' messengers did not communicate an indecisive message like that either.) Why is it hard to say that Jesus is King of all the world, in the workplace, school, neighborhood, etc? What are we worried about if we say this?
7. How do verses 1-7 help us to do this?
8. Who is the gospel for?
9. How does the gospel address the divisions in the Roman church? (v. 14-17)
10. Does our church transcend racial and/or socioeconomic divisions in our community? Explain? How could our community group do it better?
11. Pray.