



Sermon Discussion Guide

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SUMMARY

Big Idea: Be Unashamed of Your Faith Because God's Righteousness Has Come to You

These verses function as Paul's main thesis of the entire letter of Romans. Paul declares that he is unashamed of the gospel, and he gives reasons why: it is God's power, for salvation, to all who believe. How does this gospel save? In it, the righteousness of God is revealed, qualifying all who believe to stand, unashamed, in God's presence, by imparting Christ's righteousness to us.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Intro:

1. What things in your life are you proud of? Why? How would others who know you answer that question about you? (You can try this in the group).
2. How do you know what other people are proud of? What identifying markers would you see?
3. How do you know what other people are embarrassed or ashamed about?

Read Romans 1:16-17

1. What is Paul not ashamed about?
 - a. What specific aspects of the gospel (God, Bible, Christianity) does the world (your friends, neighbors, family, coworkers) find to be something to be ashamed about? What do they mock?
 - i. **Note:** You can refer to 1 Cor 1:18-25 and discuss why the gospel is a "stumbling block" and "folly, **BUT**, Don't settle for detached hypothetical answers here, aim for real, actual conversations you are having.
 - b. Consider the responses the group gave to questions #2 and #3 above. Using those same identifying makers, would you say you more "proud" or more "embarrassed" by the gospel?
2. Why is Paul not ashamed? What reasons does he give?
 - a. In what ways do these reasons bolster your faith, and encourage you to be proud of the gospel?
 - b. What is one practical step that you could take this week to be more unashamed?

KINGDOM IMPACT - MULTIPLY

1. What would it look like for you, together with your group, to **Pray, Think, and Act**, in the areas below: (*start with Pray!*)
 - a. **Reach** – That God would use you to lead 1 person to faith in Christ;
 - b. **Belong** – to multiply opportunities for others to be brought into community
 - c. **Serve** – to begin serving, invite others into serving, or multiplying serving efforts by meeting needs or blessing neighbors or ministry partners together as a group
 - d. **Gather** – to multiply the church as a whole (planting, revitalization, helping other churches)