

THE BIG IDEA

- Religion can't save you!

GET STARTED

- Ben mentioned The book of Romans is the book that changed the world. Outside of the Bible what is the most life changing book or movie you have ever read/seen?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

How deep do you want to take your Group? Choose from these questions to lead your discussion.

1. Take turns reading Romans 1:8-17. These verses contain a number of words that are important for Christians—"gospel," "salvation," and "righteousness." How are these words related to one another in Romans 1:16-17
2. Paul mentions 3 "I am" statements in vs. 14-16- Read each one and discuss what they could mean.
3. Paul says clearly that he is "not ashamed of the gospel" in Romans 1:16. What would it look like to be ashamed of the gospel? How have you experienced temptations to hide what you believe about Jesus?
4. Have one person read ch. 2:1-4- In a passage focused on God's judgment, Paul praises God's kindness (2:4). How do these two aspects of God's character work together in God's gospel?
5. Romans 2:1-2 talk about people condemning others for something they were doing themselves. Have you ever seen this? Have you ever done this? Explain
6. Leaders read 2:14-16 then say- vs. 15 mentions that "the law is written on their hearts." This phrase is borrowed from Jeremiah 31:33. How do we demonstrate that the law is written on our hearts?
7. Why would some Jews think that God viewed them as superior to Gentiles? Where, in your life, are you tempted to view yourself as superior to others? How so?
8. Ben mentioned in Week 1 of this series that "we view the gospel as the diving board into the pool when actually the Gospel is the pool itself." What does this mean?
9. How can you LIVE the Gospel out and experience the POWER Paul mentions?
10. Are you holding onto religion instead of the Gospel? What does it look like to live this way?

FOR FURTHER READING

- Romans 1:18-32, Romans 2:25-29
- Memory verse: Romans 1:16- "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to the salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek."
- Read it together and challenge the group to memorize, post up somewhere, etc.
- Follow up the next week to see if they did!