**Romans Lesson 1 (2018)**

**INTRODUCTOIN**

 (Romans 1:1-7)

**Open:**

1. If you were writing the initial letter to a pen pal, how would you introduce yourself?

**Discover:**

1. Key words are those which, because of emphasis or repetition, stand out as being central to the message of the passage. What are some key words or phrase in this passage?
2. Read verse 1. How did Paul introduce and identify himself to the Romans? (1) What special calling on his life did Paul feel? (See also Gal. 1:15-16)
3. Read verses 2-3. What can you learn about the gospel (good news) from this passage? What does it matter that the gospel of Jesus Christ was anticipated in the Old Testament? (2; see Lk. 24:25-27; Acts 26:22-23)
4. Read verses 3-4. What can you learn about Jesus from this passage? (3-4) What do you think Paul specifies that Jesus’ descendancy from David was “according to his human nature? (3) What does Jesus’ resurrection reveal about him? (4; see Acts 2:22-36)
5. Read verses 5-7. Why is it significant that Paul received his apostleship from God? How did Paul describe the people who were receiving this letter? (6-7) What kind of greeting did Paul send to his audience?
6. **Word Study** – “called.” The goal of a word study is to understand the meaning of a word in a specific passage by examining ow it is used in other places in the Bible.
7. For each of the following verses, briefly state the purpose of God’s call. (Romans 1:5-7, 8:28-30; 1 Corinthians 1:9; Colossian 3:15; 2 Thessalonians 2:14; 1 Timothy 6:12; 1 Peter 2:9, 20-21, 3:8-9, 5:10)
8. What does 2 Timothy 1:8-9 tell us about God’s call?
9. In light of your word study, what does Paul’s use of the word “call” in verses 5-7 tell us about our relationship with Christ?

**Close**

1. How did God call you to belong to Jesus Christ? How is your life different as a result?