**Romans Lesson 2 (2018)**

**THE GOSPEL–THE POWER OF GOD**

(Romans 1:8-17)

**Open:**

1. When you go on a trip, do you like to plan everything out ahead of time, or just get in the car and go? If you could spend one week anywhere in the world, and cost were no object, where would you go?

**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 verses 8-10. For what was the church at Rome well-known? (8) How did Paul describe his commitment to God? (9) What kind of concern did Paul have for his audience? (10)
3. Read verses 11-13. What did Paul want to give the Romans when he visited? Who would benefit from Paul’s visit? What happened to Paul’s plan to visit the church in Rome?
4. Read verses 14-15. To whom had God called Paul to communicate the gospel? Compare verse 14 with 1 Corinthians 9:16-17. In what sense is Paul “obligated”? Do we have any obligation of this kind? Why or why not?
5. Read verse 16. Why is Paul not ashamed of the gospel? Why might he feel a need to state this? (see 1 Corinthians 1:18-25) In what sense is the gospel powerful? How is that power demonstrated? In what sense is the gospel universal? (see Rev. 5:9, 7:9) In what sense is it limited? (Heb. 4:2)
6. **Topical study – the gospel.**
7. What does 1 Corinthians 15:1-8 tell us about the content of the gospel message?
8. Look up John 14:6 and Acts 4:12. What do these verses tell us about the gospel? How does this relate to Romans 1:16?
9. Read verse 17. What is the significance of the fact that the righteousness revealed in the gospel is “from God” and is “by faith from first to last”? (see 3:20-21 and Galatians 2:16).

**Close**

1. Have you ever felt “ashamed of the gospel”? With whom can you be more honest and forthright about the gospel message you believe?