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THEME: TRANSFORMATION THROUGH THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL - LIFE APPLICATION

PASSAGE: ROMANS 1:1-17

LAUNCH

Think about a time when you were appointed to do something important.

Why was the task important and how did you feel as you received the appointment?

DISCOVERY

Paul almost needed to present his credentials to the church in Rome before launching into his letter to them. What were his credentials (v1-7) and why was it important that he outline them?

Paul says he was 'set apart' for the gospel (v1). In what way was he set apart (quickly look at his conversion in Acts 9). Do you think we are set apart for the gospel? Why or why not?

What key aspects of the gospel do we understand from the summary of Jesus in verses 3-4?

Grace and peace (v7) are two important out workings of the gospel. In what areas of your life would you like to see more grace and peace? (Pray if relevant)

Paul is keen to thank God for the Romans. Do you thank God for important people in your life? (v9) Why is it important to do so?

He also remembers them 'constantly in his prayers'. Is there anyone that you feel you need to remember more constantly in your prayers? How might you go about achieving this?

Paul wants to spend time with the Romans in order to further 'mutual encouragement'. When were you last encouraged by a fellow Christian and how? In what ways can you encourage those around you?

In one of the most significant verses in the bible (v16) Paul declares that he is not ashamed of the gospel because it is the power of God for salvation. Why is this the case? What sort of thought processes can trip us up in our willingness to share the gospel?

How do we counter these?

APPLICATION

Pray for one another to be more prayerful both in thanking God for each other and remembering one another to God

Pray for opportunities to share the gospel to family, friends and neighbours in a way that is natural and unembarrassed