

GOSPEL INTRODUCTIONS

ROMANS 1:1-6

- What do you know about the book of Romans? Have you ever studied it before? If so, when and where? If not, why not?
- We use the phrase ‘the gospel’ a lot. What does it mean? Why is it so important? If someone outside of Christianity asks you what the gospel was, how would you answer them?
- We often think of the gospel as something for us, but Paul’s calls it ‘the gospel of God’. What do you think he means? Why is it important to maintain that perspective about the gospel?
- Do you think of the Old and New Testaments as having the same general message or different messages? If different, what are the differences? If the same, what is the central message of both?
- How is the message of the gospel related to Jesus Christ? Can you have the gospel without Him? Why or why not?
- What does Paul identify as important about Jesus’ heritage or life in these opening verses in Romans? Why do you think he points to these things?
- What is ‘grace’? What do you do to receive grace? Why do you think Paul linked grace to his apostleship?
- What is the relationship between obedience to God’s commands and the gospel? How is faith involved?
- What motivates you to share the gospel with other people? Is that good or bad? What motivation does Paul share? Why do you think that’s important?
- Paul had a burning desire to spread the gospel. How does his letter to the Romans reflect that desire? Where did he want to go next?
- Do you have desire to spread the gospel? Why or why not? What holds you back from acting on that desire?

