

York St Small Groups

Sermon Based Studies

SUNDAY 22ND MAY 2022

Romans 1:16-17



These studies are designed to be explored after hearing the Sunday sermon and also to be accompanied by a time of prayer/sharing.



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GETTING STARTED

Q1. What stood out to you from the message on Sunday from Romans?

Have you been following this week's reading plan? Do you have a favourite verse from Romans?

Q2. As a group, try to define 'righteousness'? Consider self-righteousness vs. God's righteousness?

INTO THE WORD

Romans 1:16-17, says:

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. ¹⁷ For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed – a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: ‘The righteous will live by faith.’

Q3. What do you think Paul is referring to when he speaks of being ‘ashamed of the gospel’?

Q4. Consider the idea of a ‘faith’ based gospel versus a ‘deeds’ based gospel?

Are there times we blur these lines in our service to the Kingdom of God?

GOING DEEPER

“Through the instrument of faith, God credits or imputes the righteousness of Christ to the believer. This truth is at the very heart of the good news of the gospel. In other words, God takes dead sinners, makes them alive and gives them the gift of faith which they then exercise in Christ. God then removes the guilt of their sin and declares them righteous before him because of Christ’s work. He then guarantees that they will live by this same faith as they grow in Christ and will one day be finally and fully free of remaining sin.”

Praise God!

Q5. Take some time to discuss why is this such gloriously good news.

Q6. Can you think of a time that you have recently been confronted by God about an aspect of your life or faith?

PRAY

Pray together, for:

- those in our lives that haven’t received the good news of Jesus.
- strength and perseverance in not being ‘ashamed of the gospel’
- awareness of our ‘striving’ and to become more aware of God’s grace in our lives