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**NOTES**

*"I remember one who spoke on the missionary question one day saying, 'The great question is not, 'Will not the heathen be saved if we do not send them the gospel?' but 'Are we saved ourselves if we do not send them the gospel?'"*

- Charles Spurgeon

In light of our guest speakers today, let's take a look at the Gospel Message and how it relates still today.

Read Romans 1:8-17

What reasons does Paul give for wanting to go to Rome? (vs. 11-15)

Compare verse 14 with 1 Corinthians 9:16-17. In what sense is Paul "obligated"? Do we have any obligations of this kind? Why or why not?

Why is Paul not ashamed of the Gospel (vs. 16-17)? Why might he feel a need to state this? (see 1 Corinthians 1:18-25)  
Are we ashamed to share the Gospel?

What makes the Gospel powerful? vs. 16  
How is the Gospel powerful to you? What changes do we see in our lives?

Look at 1 Corinthians 15:1-4, John 14:6 and Acts 4:12. What does this tell us about the content of the Gospel?

How does this relate to vs. 16?

The power of the Gospel comes to those who believe.

Read vs. 17; Romans 3:20-21, Galatians 2:16 and Ephesians 2:8&9.

What does it mean to believe? Is it different for each person? What constitutes true belief?

How do we share what we believe?

Is the Gospel of Christ limited? Vs. 14, 16; Hebrews 4:2

This week take some time to reflect on these questions and how they apply to your life.

Have you ever felt "ashamed of the Gospel"? Do you ever see the Christian life or your service to God as just another obligation or duty? What tends to bring on this attitude? What helps to get rid of it?

*"If we were left to ourselves with the task of taking the gospel to the world, we would immediately begin planning innovative strategies and plotting elaborate schemes. We would organize conventions, develop programs, and create foundations... But Jesus is so different from us. With the task of taking the gospel to the world, he wandered through the streets and byways... All He wanted was a few men who would think as He did, love as He did, see as He did, teach as He did and serve as He did. All He needed was to revolutionize the hearts of a few, and they would impact the world."*  
David Platt