**The Gospel: the Power of God for Salvation**

Romans 1:8-17

Key Verse 1:16 “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.”

1. Why was Paul thankful for the believers in Rome? (8) Why did he pray constantly for them (9-13; cf. Acts 19:21)? What can we learn here about Paul’s missionary strategy? (cf. Romans 15:23-24)

2. Where did Paul’s sense of obligation come from? (14-15) In other versions, “I am obligated” is translated as “I am a debtor.” What does Paul mean by being a debtor of all people? (cf. 1 Corinthians 15:9-10)

3. Whom is the gospel for? (14-16; cf. John 3:16) Why does everyone need the gospel?

4. Why is Paul unashamed of the gospel? (16) Why is the gospel the power of God? (1 Thessalonians 1:5)

5. What is the righteousness of God and how is it revealed in the gospel? (17) What does it mean to live by faith from first to last? (cf. Galatians 3:2-3)