

Community Group Questions (Romans 1:1-7)

1. Read Romans 1:1-7. What did you find helpful or encouraging from this week's passage and message?
2. In the introduction, Pastor Lee contrasted the professor and the elderly woman responding to the fall of the Berlin Wall. In what ways are we tempted to relate to the gospel more like the professor than the woman? What would it look like to "feel it in our bones"?
3. Paul describes himself as both a **servant (slave)** and an **apostle**. What does that combination of humility and authority teach us about Christian identity?
4. Paul calls it "the gospel of God." Why is it important that the gospel originates with God and not with us?
Where do you see pressure today to "update" or reshape the gospel?
5. Paul says the gospel was promised beforehand in the Scriptures. How does seeing the unity of the Old and New Testaments strengthen your confidence in the gospel?
6. According to this passage, what specific truths about Jesus are central to the gospel (vv. 3-4)? Why is it important that the gospel is about what Jesus has done, not merely a way of life we should imitate?
7. Paul speaks about "the obedience of faith." What is the relationship between faith and obedience?
How can we guard against two errors:
 - Thinking obedience earns salvation
 - Thinking real faith produces no obedience?
8. What does it mean that the gospel is for "all nations"? How should that shape the way we think about evangelism, missions, and even our local church?

