

# I am not Ashamed

Romans 1:1-17

## SERMON NOTES AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### I. Introduction: Who wants to watch the news?

- Questions from the News

### II. Paul's Testimony: I am not ashamed of the Gospel

- It is good news for you!

### III. The awful news of Shame

- Why it matters...
- Shame Now, Shame Then

### IV. 3 Questions of any good Reporter

a. What is the Gospel?

b. Where is the Power?

c. How do we get the power?

- How it starts -- the Redefined you
  - > Application: Choose who sits in your mental jury box
- Where it leads -- the Restored you
  - > Application: Follow his Call
- When we get to the End -- the Radiant you
  - > Application: Keep looking up!

### V. Conclusion

## Discussion Questions

### Sharing Life Together:

1. If you could have any headline written about your life, what would you want it to say?
2. What would be the worst headline that could be written about your life?

### Reflecting on the Message Together:

Read Romans 1:1-17

1. As a group, try to answer these basic questions about Paul's letter. Pull out some resources if need be and do a little digging.
  - a. When was Romans written? Where do we think it was written? Why did Paul write this letter to the Christians in Rome? What kind of impact has the letter of Romans had on the church and the world?
2. Why was Paul not ashamed of the Gospel?
3. If guilt says, "I did something bad," and shame says, "I am bad," why should a Christian be set free of all shame?
4. How do you think the world defines you, and how do you think Jesus defines you?
5. How and why is it challenging to live out what Jesus says of us?
6. How does living on mission for Jesus help us access the power of the Gospel? If we aren't really living on mission for Jesus, can we expect to experience the same power? Why or why not?
7. What do you think is having a bigger influence on shaping your view of the world: American media or Jesus? Why?
8. How did God speak to you through the message?
9. How can we pray for one another?