



**Week One | Sunday, January 3, 2010**

**“God’s Good News”**  
**Romans 1:1-7**

1. Think about the year 2000 and what you were doing, what your life was like. What has changed globally and personally for you in the past 10 years?
2. To what extent do you believe people are looking for a compass to navigate these changes or a sense of a personal foundation that will allow them to stand firm during times that seem to always be shifting?
3. What are some of the things that people turn to during uncertain times to provide the stability they are looking for?
4. We all want “good news”. Looking at your life right now, if God could give you good news what would that be?
5. In Romans 1:1-7 the Apostle Paul tells us that God’s good news is about the “Son” (1:3). How is Jesus, the Son, ultimately the “good news” that you need? How does Jesus in your life become “good news” for the situations you are facing right now?
6. When you experience the “Son” as God’s good news for your life one of the results is that it gives you a totally different perspective on your life. Note the Apostle Paul’s perspective in Romans 1:1 (slave, apostle, set apart). How would you answer the question, “who am I?”, to someone (share with one another). You may not choose to use Paul’s same language but the principle is the same “for me to live is Christ”.
7. Why is preaching the gospel to ourselves everyday so important? Note Paul’s purpose in Romans 1:5.
8. How is it true that with the Son there is always “good news” even when there is “bad news”?