



Week Two | Sunday, January 10, 2010

“I Am Not Ashamed”

Romans 1:8-17

1. Paul said, “I am not ashamed of the gospel”. This was his way of expressing complete confidence in the gospel and also alluding to the fact that sometimes we do lack confidence in the gospel.
 - a. What do you think are some of the signs in someone’s life that they don’t have complete confidence in the gospel?
 - b. Why do you think we struggle with having “confidence” in the gospel?
2. One of the signs of confidence in Paul’s life was his desire and boldness in sharing the gospel. Certainly Paul was gifted in a unique way from others but to what extent do you think eagerness and expectation in telling others about the good news is tied to our confidence/belief in the gospel?
3. Earl talked about how that the gospel being an “odd idea” in our culture and the “relativistic nature of truth” in our world are points of struggle we face in having confidence in the gospel. Do you agree? What are some other struggles that we face related to this?
4. Romans 1:16-17 affirm why we should be confident about the good news regarding the Son. Review the three main points in these verses.
 - a. God’s saving power for salvation
 - b. For everyone who believes
 - c. It is what God does for us and declares about us (righteousness from God)
5. Take a look at Philippians 3:9 and 2 Corinthians 5:21. What does knowing that God “declares you to be righteous”, that is gives you a righteous standing before him, in Christ mean to you?
6. The theological term for this is “justification” (to be declared righteous). It is a word that refers to our standing before God or how he sees us. It does not refer to moral righteousness. It emphasizes the fact that God accepts us in Christ just as we are because Christ has paid the price for all of our sin.

7. How does placing all of your faith, belief, confidence in what the Son has done for you make a difference in your life? How does it free you? How does it empower you?
8. Pray about someone that God may have very well placed in your life to share about this good news.