

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Unashamed: Romans Part 6
May 13th & 16th, 2021



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.

Romans 1:16 | NIV

1. Read Romans 9:2-3

Are there people in your life about whom you feel the same way Paul feels toward his Jewish brothers and sisters?

Why do you suppose Paul feels such anguish over the Jewish people?

Think about this - Did God send Paul to preach to the Jews or to the gentiles?

Why do you think that was?

2. How difficult is it to love those who love us?

3. Read Matthew 5:43

Why is it difficult to love those who don't like you?

This last year and a half has been very divisive to some... how hard have you tried to love those who don't share your opinion about politics or the election? COVID? Black Lives Matter? The local city council election?

Does social media make it easier or harder to love people?

4. Read Matthew 9: 35 & 36 Mark 1:40 & 41, Mark 5:25 -34, Mark 8:2

Based on what you see Jesus doing in these scriptures, what does love look like?

5. Why does it sometimes seem like praying for someone is a last resort?

6. Can you share a time when prayer was your first choice, and what the outcome was?

7. Read Matthew 9:37 - 10:1

Have you ever been in a situation and wished that God would do something and then realized he did - he put you right in the middle of the situation? How about the reverse? Have you ever been so eager to share the good news, but you sensed that either the time was not right or you were not the right person, like Paul did in Romans 10?

8. Are you generally eager to tell people in your life about what Jesus has done for you or afraid to open your mouth?

9. Read Acts 2:1-4, 4:8-10

Who wants you to open your mouth and who will give you words to speak?

What does it mean to stay in your lane and be open to the Spirit leading?

Takeaway: Keep the Gospel simple, but don't keep it to yourself.

Pray together