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Romans: Rooted in Jesus

Gospel Roots

Romans 1:16-17

For Discussion and Reflection

1. Read through these passages and summarize the symptoms: 2:1-4, 19-24, 28-29; 3:20, 27; 6:22-23; 7:4-6; 8:1-2, 12-13, 17, 31-39; 9:16, 30-32; 10:1-4,12; 12:3-4, 9-21; 13:8-10; 14-15:7(key text). As you read these passages (or a few of them) remember that Paul is speaking to people who are judging each other according to the Mosaic covenant (Law) or according to the promise of faith in Abraham.
2. Paul opens and closes with this phrase, "the obedience that comes from faith," 1:5, 16:26. What do you think Paul means by that phrase? What was the Jewish focus on obedience? What did they misunderstand? Romans 3:19-20.
3. How does Paul express his desire for the Romans, 1:11, 16:25? What does his desire communicate?
4. Re-read Romans 1:16-17. Meditate on this text and discuss its meaning.
5. How does Romans 15:7 summarize Paul's argument (14-15:7) and apply the cure to the disease?
6. Where do you see similarities in the modern church? How would Paul address her needs?
7. Read Romans 1:1-7 in preparation for next week. Consider how Paul roots the work of Jesus in the Old Testament. How does Paul build Jesus' identity?