

Every church and every person needs to have foundational beliefs that guide and direct life, decisions, direction, and processes. During 'Foundations' The Church at Martinsburg will examine the book of Romans and establish core doctrinal beliefs for life, relationships, and mission. This series more than any we've done before will set the pace and direction for the church.

Paul closes the books of Romans with an opportunity for those closest to him, those who have been deeply impacted by this message to offer greetings and words of welcome.

He makes clear that this letter to the Romans is all about Jesus. He closes the letter with a focus on the Gospel, that which he has labored diligently to establish, make clear, and apply! The Gospel save, strengthens, and sends.

### **Growth Questions for 11/06/11 – 11/13/11**

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find most helpful, eye-opening, troubling?
2. How does Paul describe the gospel? What power does he ascribe to it?
3. What mystery is Paul talking about? Is it known or unknown?
4. In what ways does God strengthen us? (Hint: "according" to what?)
5. Read 16:22. How do you think Tertius felt when the dictation of this letter was finally completed? What's the most memorable letter you've ever received? How has THIS letter changed you?

### ***Living on Mission***

#### ***Proclaim...Reach...Connect...Go***

1. Over the course of the series in Romans how have you grown in your understanding of the gospel?
2. How has this greater understanding changed you...
  - a. in your relationships with unbelievers?
  - b. in your relationships with other believers?
  - c. in your personal spiritual growth?
  - d. in your commitment to God through service?
  - e. in your commitment to God in sharing your faith?
3. In what ways will you be a part of bringing about "the obedience of faith" in your community?
4. Romans is a letter to a church dealing with doctrine and practice. What has challenged you most? How are you different today as a result of Paul's letter to the church at Rome?
5. Read Romans 1:16 and once again reflect on the power of the Gospel. Take time and read I Corinthians 15:3-4 this week and thank God for his goodness to you.

### **Important Dates**

- 11/12/11 Ladies Social
- 11/13/11 G4 Kids Operation Christmas Child Focus
- 11/13/11 Next Steps w/C@M
- 11/19/11 Operation Thanks!

### **OPERATION THANKS! – DEFINED**

Mark your calendars and prepare to purchase some poultry. C@M's annual Operation Thanks project is coming up soon. More details will be released but please prepare to participate as we thank God for our many blessings and reach out into our community by providing area residents with a Thanksgiving turkey.