

the **BIG** Story

REDEMPTION

THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL (ROMANS 1.1-17)

Read Romans 1.1-17

1. **v.1-7**: What is the passion and ultimate goal of Paul's life?
2. What do we learn about the content of this gospel from the first 6 verses?
3. Thinking about the "obedience of faith" in verse 5, how does the gospel change lives? How has it changed your life?
4. **v. 8-15**: What do you learn about Paul feelings toward the church in Rome?
5. What does Paul mean when he says is "under obligation to Greeks and barbarians" with regard to the gospel? What does this mean for us as we think about our responsibility to our neighbors?
6. **v.16-17**: Why does Paul refer to being not ashamed (or offended) by the gospel? In what ways can the gospel offend or be despised?
7. How is the gospel as summarized in verse 17 different from any other religion's conception of salvation?
8. If you really believed in the power of the gospel, what would be different in your life?