



## LIFE GROUP NOTES

Romans 1:16-17



### Key Scriptures

If you have access to a commentary read some background to get context.

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### Warm Up

What does it mean to be good?

How would you identify a good person?

Are actions or character more important?

### Thinking it through: Main discussion/activity

What are the surprising things in the passage? What is new? What don't you really understand? This could be a time to discuss and share reflections and ideas on the passage or watch a Bible project type video that helps explain things.

1. What comes to mind when you hear the word 'righteousness'? What actions do you associate with being unrighteous?

2. Watch the Bible Project Video on 'Justice'.

[https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/justice/?utm\\_source=web\\_social\\_share&medium=shared\\_video](https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/justice/?utm_source=web_social_share&medium=shared_video)

3. Are there things in that video that make you think about righteousness differently?

4. What do you understand by the phrase, 'a righteousness that is by faith from first to last'? (Romans 1:17)

5. In Romans 1:16, Paul says, "I am not ashamed of the gospel for it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes." How has this message been powerful in your life?

6. Read Mark 8:34-38. It seems likely at this point that Paul is aware of these words of Jesus. What things tempt you to be ashamed of the gospel?



Try to leave 15-20 mins to talk about prayer needs of the group and to pray.

We want to encourage the development of prayer, to help everyone grow in confidence in praying. There are many creative ways of praying together: writing prayers, using candles as a focus, reading prayers or praying for each other in pairs.