

Sermon Study Guide
A Revolution of Faith: part 1
“The Power of the Gospel”

This week’s Scripture focus: **Romans 1:1-17**

1. What part of the text or message had the greatest impact on you? Where were you most encouraged, intrigued, or challenged?
2. Pastor Chris mentioned on Sunday that it feels to him like the world is in a mess and headed toward some dramatic ending. Does it ever feel that way to you? Why or why not?
3. Pastor Chris also said, “People are searching for answers, but they’re not finding what they’re looking for.” Where is the world looking for answers/solutions? Give some examples. And why aren’t those answers working?
4. The answer is found in the power of the Gospel. Read Romans 1:1-7 and then verses 16-17. How would you explain the Gospel to a friend - what is it? And how is it appropriated in someone’s life?
5. The study of Romans has sparked many great movements of God, revivals, awakenings. Is that needed today and what would that look like in your own life, our community, and our world?
6. Pastor Chris said on Sunday that many times there are two sides of the same coin that keep people from a relationship with Jesus - rebellion and religion. How is Paul an example of both? Why doesn’t religion save you?
7. Read about Paul’s conversion in Acts 9:1-19. What was your conversion experience like? Share some of your story.
8. Read Romans 1:8-15. What examples do you see here of Paul’s changed heart?
9. Read 1 Timothy 1:15-16. How is Paul’s life an example that anyone can be saved by the power of the Gospel? How does that give you hope? Who are you praying for that they come to know Jesus personally?
10. Paul said in Romans 1:16, “I am not ashamed of the Gospel.” How do we live sometimes like we are ashamed of the Gospel? How could you live this week, unashamed of the Gospel? What would that look like?