



# Sermon Discussion Guide

**August 10, 2025** | Romans 1:1-15 | Jerrod

## **SUMMARY**

Big Idea: Paul Longed for Rome, Because He Lived for the Gospel

The greatest letter ever written begins with a deep and rich introduction. Paul provides his credentials, but more importantly anchors his letter in the depths of the gospel, according to the Scriptures. Paul writes with clarity, compassion, conviction, and kindness, as even the first 15 verses leave the reader encouraged and challenged.

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

**Intro:** What food or beverage cravings do you get? Could be a category, like sweet or salty, or a specific item, or it could be food in general when you are H-ANGRY.

How does this craving affect the way you live – your thoughts, actions, etc.. ?

### **Read or Refer to Romans 1:1-15**

1. Gospel People Know the Gospel (1:1-7)
  - a. What do we learn about the gospel in 1:1-6? (think of source, content, fruit, etc..)
    - i. What role does the OT play in this? Why is that important?
    - ii. Do you know the gospel? Could you articulate it in under 2 minutes? (practice!)
  - b. Paul speaks about the “obedience of faith” in 1:5 (cf 10:16, 16:26). For most Christians, obedience and faith can be thought of as separate categories. What truth about the gospel is Paul getting at?
2. Gospel People are Thankful People (v8)
  - a. Is thankfulness easy or difficult for you? Would others consider you to be thankful?
    - i. What is the source of Paul’s thankfulness? Is that normally where you look?
    - ii. What would voicing this kind of thankfulness look like in your life this week?
    - iii. Is your faith known by anyone outside of the church? Why or why not?
3. Gospel People are Missional People (v9-15)
  - a. What does Paul long to do? How does it affect the way he lives and writes?
  - b. What things do you typically long for, and crave? What would awakening and growing this same appetite look like for you?
  - c. Is it weird to hear that Paul is eager to preach the Gospel....to Christians? How does that statement impact how you think about the Christian life?

## **KINGDOM IMPACT - MULTIPLY**

1. With our annual focus being **Kingdom Impact: Multiply**, what do you anticipate growth in this area might look like for you? For your group?
2. How, specifically for you, did this week’s message fuel your desire and ability to know, love, live, and speak about the Gospel of God in a manner that is **unashamed**?