

MESSAGE REVIEW

There's a difference between magnetic north and true north, and if we follow the ever-changing magnetic pull of culture, we'll never end up at true north. Romans is a book of the Bible that takes aim at casual Christianity and divisive Christianity, calling us back to Jesus in every area of our lives. Jesus loved us at our worst. He rescued us, redeemed us, and made us right with God. When we put Him front and center in our lives, it changes everything.

WARM UP QUESTION

What words do you usually use to describe yourself when introducing yourself to others?

- Read <u>Romans 1:1-4</u>. Paul describes three things in these verses himself, the Good News, and the Son. What words does he use to describe each? What stands out to you and what is confusing? How does Paul's description of himself compare to how you describe yourself?
- Read <u>Romans 1:5-7</u>. How does Paul feel about the job God has given him to do? What three things does he hope to see in the Gentile believers as a result of doing this job (verse 5)? What does he say the Gentile believers are "called to"? How does it make you feel that as a follower of Jesus, you've also been called to these things?
- Read <u>Romans 1:8-10</u>. What does the world know about this Roman church (verse 8)? What do you learn about Paul's prayer life in these verses? Is your faith something other people see and talk about? What needs to change?
- **Read <u>Romans 1:11-15</u>**. Why does Paul want to visit this church? What spiritual fruit is he talking about in verse 13? Who does Paul feel obligated to? As a follower of Jesus, what sense of obligation do you feel and to whom?
- Read <u>Romans 1:16-17</u>. Why would Paul need to clarify that he isn't ashamed? How does he define the Good News once again? How does he say we obtain righteousness (being made right in God's sight)? In what ways have you tried to obtain righteousness apart from faith in Christ?

RESPOND

What have you learned about God from His Word? How is He asking you to apply it to your life? When will you apply it?

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