

God's Gospel Masterplan Romans 1:1-17

If someone was to ask you **“What are you on about”** how would you respond? (in other words, what things are important to you or you have a heart for)

Read Romans 1:1-7

1. Who is Paul and what is he on about, according to verse 1 & 5?
2. Read Romans 15:20-33. Paul writes from Corinth, so why is it important for him to write the letter Romans to a church he did not found, or even visit?
3. Paul moves straight from his greeting to the heart of the gospel, Can you summarise the gospel on the basis of v2-4? Who is the gospel about, and what do we learn about this person?
4. According to Romans 1:5, what is the right response to the gospel and why?

Read Romans 1:8-17

5. Remember Paul had never met the church in Rome. What can you conclude about his praying for them in verses 8-10?
6. According to what you've discovered in Romans 1:1-17, who is the gospel for?
7. List and explain the reasons why Paul is not ashamed of the gospel in verses 16-17?

8. Explain the reason for Paul's obligation (v14) to preach the gospel? Compare what he says in verse 14 with what he says in 1 Corinth 4:1, 9:16-17
9. Why is the gospel the power of God for salvation?

Implications

10. Paul uses words like 'longing', 'obligated', 'eager' and 'unashamed'. What does his use of these words tell you about Paul? How does this apply to us?
11. Reflect on Paul's generosity of Spirit and his enthusiastic support of Gospel work. How are you challenged by his attitude and his activities towards a people he had never met?
12. Who do you have the greatest opportunity of reaching with the gospel? How has this passage encouraged/ challenged you to take steps to reach them?

Give thanks and pray

Paul was deeply committed to seeing the people he knew come into relationship with God and grow in knowledge of him. Pray that we would have the same concern.

Pray for upcoming outreach events – Men's Toolbox Dinner 17 May; Ladies Choc Chat Chino night 20 May, Mayoral Dinner 13 Sept

Also pray for Khaos kids club starting this Thursday 4:30-6pm