Lesson 1 Romans 1:1-17

Good News From God

1. What do the words "servant" and "apostle" in vs. 1 reveal about Paul?

2. A. In verses 5-7 we have the words "call" and "called". What could it mean for us to "call" people?

5 Through him we have received the grace of apostleship, to bring about the obedience of faith, for the sake of his name, among all the Gentiles,

6 among whom are you also, who are called to belong to Jesus Christ;

7 to all the beloved of God in Rome, called to be holy. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

B. What could it mean to be "called"? How are you fulfilling that in your present life?

3. What facts can you learn about the gospel from verses 2-4 and 16-17?

2 which he promised previously through his prophets in the holy scriptures,

3 the gospel about his Son, descended from David according to the flesh,

4 but established as Son of God in power according to the spirit of holiness through resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord.

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel. It is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: for Jew first, and then Greek.

17 For in it is revealed the righteousness of God from faith to faith; as it is written, “The one who is righteous by faith will live.”

4. Pretend someone is "turned off" to religious words. How would you explain verse 17 to them?

5. What can be learned about God through nature? Also see Psalm 8:2-10.

2 O LORD, our Lord, how awesome is your name through all the earth! I will sing of your majesty above the heavens

3 with the mouths of babes and infants. You have established a bulwark\* against your foes, to silence enemy and avenger.

4 When I see your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and stars that you set in place—

5 What is man that you are mindful of him, and a son of man that you care for him?

6Yet you have made him little less than a god, crowned him with glory and honor.

7 You have given him rule over the works of your hands, put all things at his feet:

8 All sheep and oxen, even the beasts of the field,

9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever swims the paths of the seas.

10 O LORD, our Lord, how awesome is your name through all the earth!

6. How do these attitudes lead people astray?

7. How does God respond to these darkened hearts?

8. How can giving people over to their sinful desires be an inescapable consequence?

9. How carefully do you examine the influence of the media or the opinions of friends on your moral attitude?