

Table Rock Fellowship - LifeGroup Material
September 11-17, 2022

Ministry Highlight:

Love & Respect Marriage Conference – Sept. 23rd & 24th

Edgewater Christian Fellowship in Grants Pass is hosting Emerson and Sarah Eggerichs with a live presentation of the seminar, Love and Respect - Marriage Conference 2022. Experience more than 6 hours of life changing content that will cover the Crazy Cycle, The Energizing Cycle, and The Rewarded Cycle. Visit <https://edgewater.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1109673> for more information.

September 10 & 11, 2022
The Hottest Message: The Gospel
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Please read aloud the following passages of Scripture.

Romans 1:8-15 ⁸ First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world. ⁹ For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you ¹⁰ always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's will I may now at last succeed in coming to you. ¹¹ For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you— ¹² that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine. ¹³ I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles. ¹⁴ I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. ¹⁵ So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.

Romans 1:16-17 ¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

1. What stands out to you from these verses right now? Why?
2. The Bible is God's Word. Where the Bible speaks, God speaks. At Table Rock Fellowship, the messages are from the Bible. It's as though our teaching pastors are pointing at their Bible and saying, "Look at what God is saying to us." Last weekend, what did you see and hear God saying to us at TRF?
3. Have fun reading through the following material aloud. Engage with the

Text: Romans 1:16-17

Topic: Gospel

Question:

- Why is Paul eager to preach the Gospel (to Roman Christians)?
 - It's something he's not ashamed of, 16a.
 - **16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel**, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.
 - It's nothing to be ashamed of.
 - What does it look like when someone is ashamed of the gospel?
 - How do we move from being ashamed of the gospel to being unashamed of the gospel?
 - The reason he's not ashamed of it is because of what the gospel is.
 - Being ashamed of the gospel dissipates as we deepen our comprehension of two things: God's power and man's need.
 - As you think about God's power, what comes to mind?
 - As you think about man's need, what comes to mind?
 - It's exclusively the power of God for salvation, 16b.
 - **16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation** to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.
 - It is not an abstract power.

- It is not a dormant power.
 - It is not God's power for creation.
 - It is not God's power for sustaining (providence).
 - It is not God's power for consummation.
 - It is an exclusive power.
 - It is God's power for salvation.
 - It is God's active power for salvation that is exerted.
 - How does your heart respond to the truth that God's active power for salvation has been exerted upon and applied to your life?
- It's inclusively for everyone, 16c.
 - 16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation **to everyone** who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.
 - We are living in a culture that values inclusivity. How might an emphasis on this inclusive aspect of the Gospel resonate with people today?
 - It's a message to be believed, 16d.
 - 16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone **who believes**, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.
 - What is hard to believe about the Gospel?
 - What is easy to believe about the Gospel?
 - It's omnipotently saving everyone and anyone who believes the message, 16e.
 - 16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for **it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes**, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.
 - How does the power of the Gospel work?
 - It's a message for all ethnicities, 16f.
 - 16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, **to the Jew first and also to the Greek**.
 - There is something very transcultural about the Gospel that contrasts sharply with some of the more culturally bound religions of the world.
 - How does the look of Christianity contrast with the look Islam around the world?
 - It's a revelation of God's righteousness, 17a.
 - 17 **For in it the righteousness of God is revealed** from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."
 - It's providing righteousness (right standing before God) through faith from start to finish, 17b.
 - 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed **from faith for faith**, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."
 - It's providing a new way of life (faith) for a newly righteous people, 17c.
 - 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, **as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."**

Question:

- Why is Paul eager to preach the Gospel (to Roman Christians)?

Answer:

- Paul is eager to preach the Gospel because it alone provides what everyone needs the very most.

Assertion:

- The Gospel powerfully reveals and provides God's righteousness to everyone who believes.

Application:

- Since the Gospel powerfully reveals and provides God's righteousness to everyone who believes, we should...
 - Unashamedly preach the Gospel and call people to believe it. How?
 - Live by faith trusting that God has provided us with His righteousness. How?
 - Live by faith trusting that God has met our need for His righteousness.
 - Be eager to preach the Gospel to Christians and non-Christians alike. How?
 - Stop being ashamed of the Gospel. How?