



Week 1 of a 5 Week Series

Crosswind Church

Bible Passage: Romans 1:16-17

Take Home Message: The Gospel has the Power to Save

### Before you Begin:

Ask the question: If you were to have a superpower, any superpower, what would it be and why?

### Bible Study:

- 1) Read Romans 1:16-17
- 2) What is the gospel?
- 3) Have you ever been ashamed of Jesus? Why would someone be ashamed of the gospel?
- 4) Why is Paul not ashamed of the gospel? What does it mean that it has the power to save?
- 5) According to the text, who can receive this salvation?
- 6) Have you ever felt outside the scope of God's salvation? Why? Do you think that there are people in your life, or in our community that feel outside of God's saving power? Why?
- 7) Why is the gospel good news? (It reveals the righteousness of God. One that comes through faith, not by your actions)
- 8) Why is it such good news that you can't earn your salvation, but must receive it freely?
- 9) What does this say about the importance of the gospel?
- 10) If this is true, and you have received God's salvation, then what does that mean about how you live? How does that change your perspective?
- 11) What responsibility to those around you far from Jesus do you feel? Is it important that you share with them about the good news? Why?
- 12) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6md638smQd8>. In this video, Penn Jillette, a magician and comedian and open atheist makes this statement: "I don't respect Christians that don't prosthetize. If you genuinely believe that there is a heaven and a hell, and that some people may be going to hell... how much do you have to hate someone not to tell them about it?" What are your thoughts on this statement? How do they relate to our responsibility with the gospel?

### Other Bible passages you may want to check out:

Romans 3:21-31; 1 Corinthians 1:23; 2 Corinthians 5:21

### Next Steps:

- 1) Make a list of people you know that need to hear about this salvation. Begin intentionally praying for them to receive God's grace. Intentionally look for and take advantage of opportunities to share the good news with them.