

TRUTH: UNASHAMED
A JOURNEY THROUGH THE BOOK OF ROMANS
Part 1: A Necessary Diagnosis

This weeks focus scripture: Romans 1:1-17

This weeks reading challenge:

- Read the entire book of Romans! Don't stop for study or questions, that will come. Just read through the entire book in a few settings.
- Next, read through all of chapter 1
- Finally, read through verses 1-17 of chapter one, several times.
- Find the link on Trinity's Sermons tab to read Martin Luthers account of how he came to understand the Truth of Romans 1:17.

This weeks memory challenge: Romans 1:16-17

————— ❧ *Study and Reflection* ❧ —————

Day 1

- In verse 16 of Romans chapter 1, Paul proclaims that he is “not ashamed of the Gospel.” In your own words, write out what you understand to be the essential truth of the Gospel. If you know of any supporting scripture, note these references.
- Pastor Ethan briefly described how our context today is similar in some ways to that of the Roman church. What are pressures, or your own questions, you face that might cause you to be ‘ashamed’ of the Gospel? Be honest!

Day 2

- Read verses 1-7 of Chapter 1. What are all the ways you see the idea of *calling*? Write these out (hint: there are four).
- Think about each of the above in reference to your own life. How do you understand yourself to be ‘called’ by God? How are you responding? Does this bring you a sense of meaning and joy, or a sense of guilt? Prayefully take this to God!

Day 3

- Read verses 8-15 of Chapter 1. In your own words, write what you think is Paul's great longing, his great desire.
- What are your great desires, your greatest desire? Do you think there are ways that *God desires* to shape or change your greatest desire? This is a hard question! Take some time to think it through and journal a few thoughts, we will come back to this...