

# A LIFE LIVED UNASHAMED

Romans 1:16-17

## THE BIG IDEA:

In a world that is perishing it is imperative for Christians to live unashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

## KEY VERSE(S):

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

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- *“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.”* (Romans 1:16a)
- **Our salvation is based on what we believe, not what we do.**

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- *“Be diligent to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who doesn’t need to be ashamed, correctly teaching the word of truth.”* (2 Timothy 2:15)
- **The world will not come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ simply based on our “good” works; we must speak the gospel.**

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- *“**The righteous will live by faith.**”* (Romans 1:17b)
- **One of the biggest hindrances to the advance of the gospel is those who do not practice what they preach about Christ.**

## Application:

- Pray and ask the Lord to give you boldness and strength (Acts 1:8) to live and speak unashamed of the gospel of salvation. **(Prayer)**
- Ask the Lord to show you times when you have been “ashamed” and not spoken up regarding the gospel due to fear or other hindrances. As he reveals those times, ask for forgiveness and receive His full grace and mercy (1 John 1:9). **(Repentance)**
- Spend time thanking the Lord for His forgiveness and grace, and for boldness and future opportunities to share Jesus with others.

(Worship)

# CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSION

**Icebreaker:** Describe one of your most embarrassing moments?

## Start thinking:

- What stands out to you as you read Romans 1:16-17?
- What does it look like to be ashamed/unashamed of the gospel?

## Start sharing. Discuss in depth to create openness.

- Have you ever felt ashamed of the gospel or your faith? Describe that time. How could you have responded differently?
- What do you do to ensure that you have a correct understanding of the Bible as you read and study?
- What does it mean in verse 17 that “**The righteous will live by faith?**”
- What might help you increase in boldness in your faith?

## Start praying. Be bold, and pray specifically.

- Heavenly Father, I thank you for the privilege of knowing you. I want to live my life unashamed of the Gospel. I ask that you embolden me and give me wisdom when sharing your truth. Please give me the words to say to \_\_\_\_\_ (the name of your One). Prepare their heart to receive the message of the Gospel, and guide me as I pray for them, serve them, and share with them. In Jesus’ Name. – Amen