

**Lesson #1-35***Called to be Saints*

Romans 1:1-17

**Key Verse:**

For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Romans 1:16

**The Point:**

We are called to work together to share the power of God.

**Unit Theme (May 5—May 19)**

Called to Share

**Paul's Introduction**

*Identifying the basic components of the passage that reveal Paul's profile.*

**Supplies:**

- › Bibles
- › Pens or pencils
- › Optional: printed copies of the Bible text

**Preparation:**

1. For participants to get the most out of this lesson and become comfortable using their Bibles, it is recommended that they have personal Bibles to mark in for this activity. If this is not possible, please provide printed copies of the day's Bible text.

**Instructions:**

1. **In the opening to Romans, Paul is introducing himself to the church and preparing them to truly hear his message.**
2. Ask for three volunteers to read this week's Bible story. Have the first one read Romans 1:1-7.

3. **This first section is identified as the salutation, or the greeting. Who does Paul say he is? Why should he be a trusted source? Write your answer in the margins of your Bible. Who is he writing to? Underline your answer.**
4. Have the next volunteer read Romans 1:8-15.
5. **In this section, find out why Paul is writing to the Romans. Underline those reasons.**
6. Have the third volunteer continue with Romans 1:16-17.
7. **Paul's final words in this passage are powerful. Who is the gospel for? Put a star next to this part of the passage.**
8. **Paul makes clear that this gospel—the good news of Christ's life and resurrection—is for anyone who has faith in the one true God. He clearly expresses his desire to spread this news far and wide, and then work together with other members of the church to support each other.**