

FREE: A NEW HEART

(Romans: Made New - Corresponding to message on Apr. 3, 2016)

Getting Started:

1. Share how you have taken something old and made it new through the process of restoration?
 - a. What was required and how did you feel once the project was completed?
2. How many of you have ever read through Romans? What is it about (theme, purpose, author, etc.)?

Digging Deeper:

1. What was the background of the church in Rome?
 - a. Do you see any parallels with today and do you see similar struggles?
 - b. How might we find answers in this book?
2. What was the theme of the letter? How do these encourage you to live your Christian life?
3. What key word does Paul use to describe himself in Romans 1:1?
 - a. What is meant by this word?
 - b. We don't naturally think of ourselves this way – but what if we did?
4. Read Romans 1:16, 17 and 15:14 – 19.
 - a. What is central to Paul's life and ministry?
 - b. How does it bring about change in our lives?
 - c. What does Paul challenge us to be?

5. Why do you think the faith lessons mentioned on Sunday are important for us as individuals and as a church?

6. It is highly important to have a clear understanding of the Gospel. Why?
 - a. How does culture negatively or positively affect your Gospel clarity?

 - b. How has your understanding of the Gospel become clearer as you have grown in your faith?

7. If the Gospel is the answer for making all things new, then why are we so fearful to share it?
 - a. What would you say are some obstacles or fears you face that keep you from or hold you back for sharing the Gospel?

Taking it home:

1. What is one take away from the sermon or our discussion tonight that has encouraged you to step out and live more confidently for the Lord?
 - a. What is one (or two) things you can do this week to apply this truth or insight to your life?

2. Pray for one another and our church that we would "not be ashamed of the gospel" (Romans 1:16).