



Discussion Groups

- 1. Paul speaks of Jesus as eternal Son (1:3) and Jesus as Son-of-God-in-power (1:4)? What is Paul's intent in this contrast? (hint: humiliation/exhaltation)**
- 2. Paul writes to the Romans to mutually encourage one another (v.11-15). What do Paul's words tell us about the importance of Christian fellowship? How can we use our relationships for mutual encouragement in Christ?**
- 3. Paul says he is Not Ashamed of the Gospel (v. 16-17) *"This passage in Paul became the very gate of paradise to me."* (Martin Luther)**
In what ways can the gospel offend or be despised today?
- 4. (v.17) What is the righteousness spoken of here? (What do we do to receive this righteousness?)**
- 5. (v.17) What does it mean to "live" by this righteousness of faith? (In what ways is the gospel the ongoing power in the Christian life? What sins are rooted in our desire to be our own savior?)**