



## Romans 1:1-17

Giving Good News Away | January 26<sup>th</sup> - February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014

**Warm-up:** For nearly 14 years The Shoreline Church has been mobile. The Lord has now opened the doors (in many miraculous ways) for us to meet consistently in our own church home! What have been the highlights of being “mobile” for all of these years? What are you *most* looking forward to with our new facility?

- Read **Romans 1:1-7** aloud. In this passage we see Paul’s greeting to the Christians at the Roman church.
  - Why do you think Paul describes himself as a “*slave*” of Christ? Are you comfortable with the idea of your relationship with God being described this way?
  - What is this Good News that Paul repeatedly states he is to preach?
  - What friend do you have who is the most effective at sharing this good news? What makes he or she so effective?
  
- Would you describe yourself as more *committed* or *submitted* to Christ? What do you think is the difference?
  
- On Sunday, George discussed how we are often placed intentionally by God in the presence of unbelievers, and that this provides a great context for sharing the gospel.
  - Are there any current opportunities for you to share the gospel in your community (i.e. work, neighborhood, sports etc. . .)?
  - With the group, describe your greatest hesitance towards this type of evangelism as well as what motivates and excites you about it.
  
- Read **Romans 1:8-17** aloud. In this passage Paul discusses both what he wishes to give and to receive from the Romans.
  - How does Paul demonstrate humility in his relationship with the Romans in this passage?
  - Do you think Christians are ever perceived as “*know-it-alls?*” If so, what are some things we can do to change this perception?

**Wrap-up:** As you close in prayer consider the depth of your submission to Christ. In what ways do you need to grow in this regard? Pray for direction in this as you continue through the week.