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## LIFE VERSES - ROMANS 1:16

For the week of April 10, 2022

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**OUTLINE:** (Boldness + Transparency + Clarity) x Intentionality = Greater Gospel Impact

**SHARE: GET TALKING** In 90 seconds, share about a time you handled something that was incredibly powerful. (power tool, vehicle, horseback riding, etc)

**Alternate question:** What's something that you were proud of or excited about in your life? It could be a car, new BBQ grill, a bike, a talent, a skill, an ability you had (party trick) or something you achieved. Describe it and tell us how you felt when others noticed it.

## STUDY: GO DEEPER

In Romans 1:16 we read "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. we see Paul"

Paul was not ashamed to share the gospel and invite people into a relationship with Christ. Not only was he not ashamed, he was proud of and excited about the gospel in his life. Oftentimes we read verses like Romans 1:16 and think I wish I had that kind of boldness. But notice Paul doesn't start with automatic boldness... Notice the progression of the three "I AM" statements that got Paul there.

Vs. 14 says I AM \_\_\_\_\_

Vs. 15 says I AM \_\_\_\_\_

Vs. 16 says I AM \_\_\_\_\_

**Q.** What do these 3 "I AM" statements tell us about Paul's view on his responsibility to those in his world?

Romans 1:14 in the NKJV reads 14 I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to wise and to unwise.

**Q.** How can we be in debt for the free gift of salvation? To whom is the debt owed? How do you satisfy the obligation of this debt?

## Read Acts 20:25-27 **2 Part Question**

**Q. 1** What does Paul mean when he says I am innocent of the blood of you all?

**Q. 2** Without feelings of shame, consider if you can say "you are innocent of the blood" of unsaved loved ones, neighbors or friends. Who is someone that comes to mind that you would love to share the gospel with? Tell us about them.

Romans 1:14 shares Paul's debt was to both the Greeks and the Barbarians. The Greeks were at the top of society and represented people who had it together. The Barbarians represented those the people often looked down on.

**Q.** Who are the close people in your life that you respect that you'd like to share the gospel with?

**Q.** Who are the people that tend to be looked down on, in our broken world, that you'd like to share the gospel with?

**Read 1 Corinthians 1:18-25** **Q.** Regardless if you're dealing with the Greeks or the Barbarians in life what does 1 Cor. 1:18-25 identify as the most important thing to know, what is real wisdom?

**Q.** If Paul was under obligation/debt to share the gospel does that mean we are under the same obligation/debt? Does this belief produce legalism? How do you balance this?

**Read 2 Corinthians 3:12** - Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, Proverbs 28:1 - but the righteous are bold as a lion.

**Q.** If we believe these to be true Why do we lack boldness when it comes to the gospel?

**Read Ephesians 6:18-20**- praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

**Q.** Why did Paul need prayer for boldness to open his mouth? How can we pray for one another to open our mouths about the gospel?

**Q.** If someone was to ask you "what is the gospel?" What would you say?

### **SUPPORT: GROW TOGETHER**

This weekend we had the 1:16 Challenge. What names did you write down?

Why is that person significant?

How can we be praying for you as you invite them to Easter?

### **RENEW YOUR MIND: MEMORY VERSE**

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. (ESV)

