

## **PBF CONNECT GROUP STUDY GUIDE**

For the week of Feb. 18-24

Romans 1:1: Who is Paul?

**Synopsis:** The Epistle to the Romans was written by an unlikely and eminently qualified man, Saul of Tarsus. He had stellar religious, as well as secular, credentials and a well-known background as a persecutor of Christians. Here was a man ideally positioned to take the gospel of God's salvation to the world.

### **Into the Bible**

1. Describe Paul in your own words. What do we know about him?
2. What were his credentials that qualified him to write Romans?
3. How should we weigh the value of natural gifting vs. spiritual gifting?
4. What did Paul mean by saying in 1:1 that he was a "servant" (lit. "slave") of Christ Jesus?

5. What is so significant about Paul's conversion?

6. What does it mean that Paul was "set apart for the gospel"?

### **Application**

7. In what ways do you identify yourself in terms of the gospel? In what ways should you?
8. What are some of the things that are clearly different between us and Paul? What are some ways you would like to be more similar?