

PBF CONNECT GROUP STUDY GUIDE

For the week of Feb 25-Mar 3

Romans 1:2-5: Introducing the Gospel

Synopsis: The gospel was promised in the Old Testament and has been carried out by Jesus, God's Son. He is both the prophesied Son of David and the all-powerful Son of God. His gospel is to be preached, believed and obeyed among all peoples for the sake of his own glory.

Into the Bible

1. In what ways was the gospel "promised beforehand"? What are some Old Testament passages where we see the gospel promised?
2. What does it matter that Jesus was "descended from David according to the flesh"?
3. Jesus is referred to as God's Son at the beginning of v. 3. In what way, then, was he "declared to be the Son of God in power" in verse 4?
4. Jesus' resurrection has a great deal of significance. What is the significance of the resurrection in this passage? Why does Paul bring it up in this context?
5. How do you understand "the obedience of faith" in v. 5? Is the goal of Paul's ministry "obedience," or "faith," or something else? Explain.
6. What motivates Paul in his apostolic ministry, according to verse 5? Is there anything surprising in that?

Application

7. What is your favorite OT gospel promise, and why?
8. Have you made it all the way through Romans yet, since we started this series? What have you learned?