

## **PBF CONNECT GROUP STUDY GUIDE**

For the week of Feb. 4-10

Romans 1:16-17; 3:21-26 – Why Study Romans?

**Synopsis:** The Epistle to the Romans is unmatched in its influence upon the church's understanding of the gospel. In it, Paul lays out the fullest explanation of the righteousness of God in the gospel contained anywhere in the New Testament.

1. Martin Luther said of Romans, "This Epistle is really the chief part of the New Testament and the very purest Gospel." What do you think he meant? Do you agree?

### **Into the Bible**

2. Do you understand Romans to be more of a foundational (i.e. for beginners) or capstone (i.e. for the advanced) epistle? Explain your answer.
3. What do you think Paul meant when he said he was not ashamed of the gospel (1:16)?

4. What is the gospel?

5. What is justification by faith?

6. What are some of the implications of the gospel in the believer's life?

### **Application**

7. Practically speaking, what have been some of the implications of the gospel in your own life?
8. What might you personally gain from further study into the gospel and Romans?