



SDG Discussion Guide

"The Good News of Salvation"

Romans 1:1-6

April 16, 2017

Openers:

What comes to mind when you think of the phrase, "new life"?

What object or process is fairly new to you that you have enjoyed or found useful?

Group Interaction: [The following content is meant to supplement the sermon, to offer further points of interaction with the sermon text. Also, feel free to ask your own questions to facilitate your own discussion regarding the sermon or text.]

1. If you had read only the first 5 verses of Romans, what would you say was the main point of the letter?
2. What do you learn about Paul from verse 1? How do you relate to him or not?
3. From whom did Paul receive his apostleship and why is that important for him to say in this greeting? What is the goal of this grace and apostleship?
4. What does it mean to be "set apart for the Gospel of God?" What would be some characteristics of a life that is "set apart for the Gospel of God?"
5. As you reflect on the Romans sermon series thus far, what stands out? What themes or points do you most remember now? How have you grown in your faith or otherwise?
6. What has "death" looked like for you and those close to you in this last season? How about "resurrection?"
7. In the wake of Easter, how can you and your group make "resurrection" or "new life" more real and meaningful? Perhaps it's in developing a new relationship? Or in starting that project you want that to help others? Or in dropping things from your schedule, to allow room for creativity in your life?

Take some time to pray together. Ask the Father to help you connect once more with what Jesus did for you, for all, on that cross. Ask him to deepen the meaning of "resurrection" and "new life" in your life. Sit quietly and just listen after you have prayed in this way. Pray then for the people and situations that may come forth as you listen. Remember those early disciples that were with the post-crucifixion and resurrected Jesus. When you emerge from prayer, launch forth with proper expectation for how God may be leading you into this next season.