

Book Study #1

ROMANS

Romans 1:1-7

 **Scripture for this Lesson...** Romans 1:1-7 (For intro material see other study sheet)


 **Discover (Key Words...)**

1. Key words are those which, because of emphasis or repetition, stand out as being central to the message of the passage. What are some key words or phrases in this passage?



 **Sort, Organize, Discuss, Understand...**

2. (a) What do you think of when you hear the word "servant"?
(b) What is Jesus' attitude toward being a servant? (Mark 10:43-45; Luke 22:24-27)
(c) How do the attitudes of Paul (v. 1) and Jesus toward servanthood differ from those of most people?
3. What can you learn about the gospel (literally, "good news") from this passage? (vv. 2-3)
4. Why does it matter that the gospel of Jesus Christ was anticipated in the Old Testament?
(v. 2; see Luke 24:25-27; Acts 26:22-23)

 **Word Study...** "called." The goal of a word study is to understand the meaning of a word in a specific passage by examining how it is used in other places in the Bible.

5. (a) For each of the following verses, briefly state the purpose of God's call.



Romans 1:5, 6, 7

Romans 8:28-30

1 Corinthians 1:9

Colossians 3:15

2 Thessalonians 2:14

1 Timothy 6:12

1 Peter 3:8-9

1 Peter 2:20-21

1 Peter 5:10

(b) What does 2 Timothy 1:8-9 tell us about God's call?

(c) In light of our word study, what does Paul's use of the word "call" in v. 5-7 tell us about our relationship with Christ?

6. What can you learn about Jesus from this passage? (vv. 3-4)
7. Why do you think Paul specifies that Jesus' descendancy from David was "according to his human nature"? (v.3)
8. What does Jesus' resurrection reveal about him? (v. 4; see Acts 2:22-36)
9. Why is it significant that Paul received his apostleship from God? (vv. 1, 5)

 **Application for this week...**

10. Do you think of yourself as a servant of Christ? Of other people? How does your life reflect this attitude, or lack of it?
11. How did God call you to belong to Jesus Christ? How is your life different as a result?