

Sermon Discussion Questions

"The Good News of God" Romans 1:1-6 August 7, 2016

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Opener:

In the midst of all the bad news in the world today, what is your immediate response to good news? Do you rush to tell everyone about it?

Questions:

- 1. How does Paul describe himself and his life mission in verses 1 and 5?
- 2. In light of Paul's previous life as Saul, a Roman citizen (Acts 7:54-8:1; Acts 9), why is it significant that he should call himself a servant in verse 1?
- 3. What specific truths about Jesus and the Gospel are summarized in verses 3-5?
- 4. What is the privilege and the responsibility of being "called to belong to Jesus Christ (verses 5-6)?"

Application:

- 5. When and how did you first feel God's call in your life?
- 6. If you were to write a letter similar to Paul's, how would you introduce your current relationship with God? Complete the sentence: "I am a of Christ."
- 7. Do you have a Paul in your life who encouraged you during the early days of your faith?
- 8. Whom do you have the greatest opportunity of sharing the gospel with? How can you reach them?
- *These questions were adapted from *The NIV Quiet Time Bible* (InterVarsity, 1996), *The Serendipity Bible for Groups* (Zondervan, 1998), and *The NIV Life Application Study Bible* (Zondervan, 2011).