# **Sermon Supplement from October 27**

Keep Going With The Gospel – Romans 1:8-15

#### **WARM UP**

- Why was it hard to be a Christian in 1<sup>st</sup> century Rome? How is our culture similar?
- Talk about things that can threaten to get a church's focus off the gospel.

### **DIG IN**

Read Romans 1:8-15 and consider the following:

- People all over the world were talking about the faith of the Roman Christians. (verse 8)
  What factors led to their gospel witness? How might we extend our own gospel witness?
- What are some ways we can "mutually encourage" (verses 11-12) each other to keep going with the gospel?
- How do you feel about the idea of being "obligated" (verse14) or indebted to share the gospel?
- What keeps you from being "eager" (verse 15) to share the gospel? What might make you more eager to do so?

## **WRAP UP**

Use the Prayer, Care, Share method below to keep going with the gospel. In your small group talk about how you will apply this method in your own life.

- **Prayer** Begin to pray specifically for 2-3 people you are currently in relationship with who need Jesus.
- Care What are specific things you can do to show these people you care about them?
- **Share** when the door is open, begin to share the gospel by sharing your own story, explaining the gospel, or simply inviting them to church.

#### For Next Week

- Read Romans 1:16-17 several times, preferably in different translations. What differences do you see? How does this help you understand the text?
- Do a word study on the word "gospel". Look it up in a concordance and read the passages listed. How does this expand your understanding of the term? You might also look up the term in a Bible dictionary or online resource for more information.
- Summarize the big idea of the passage in your own words.

# **Resources for Further Study**

## Commentaries

- Message of Romans Bible Speaks Today Commentaries; John Stott
- Romans MacArthur New Testament Commentary: (vol 1&2); John MacArthur
- Romans: Righteousness From Heaven Preaching the Word Commentaries; R. Kent Hughes.
- Romans: Life Application Bible Commentary; Bruce Barton
- Romans Tyndale New Testament Commentary; F.F. Bruce
- Romans (2<sup>nd</sup> Ed. 2018) New International Commentary New Testament; Douglas Moo

## Study Guides

- "Romans" Lifechange Bible Studies: by The Navigators
- "Romans Becoming New in Christ" by Jack Kuhatschek; Lifeguide Bible Studies
- "Romans: Grace, Truth, and Redemption" (MacArthur Bible Studies)
- "Romans" Knowing the Bible Series

#### Online Sermon Series

- John MacArthur: gty.org
- John Piper: desiringgod.org
- Martyn Lloyd Jones: mljtrust.org