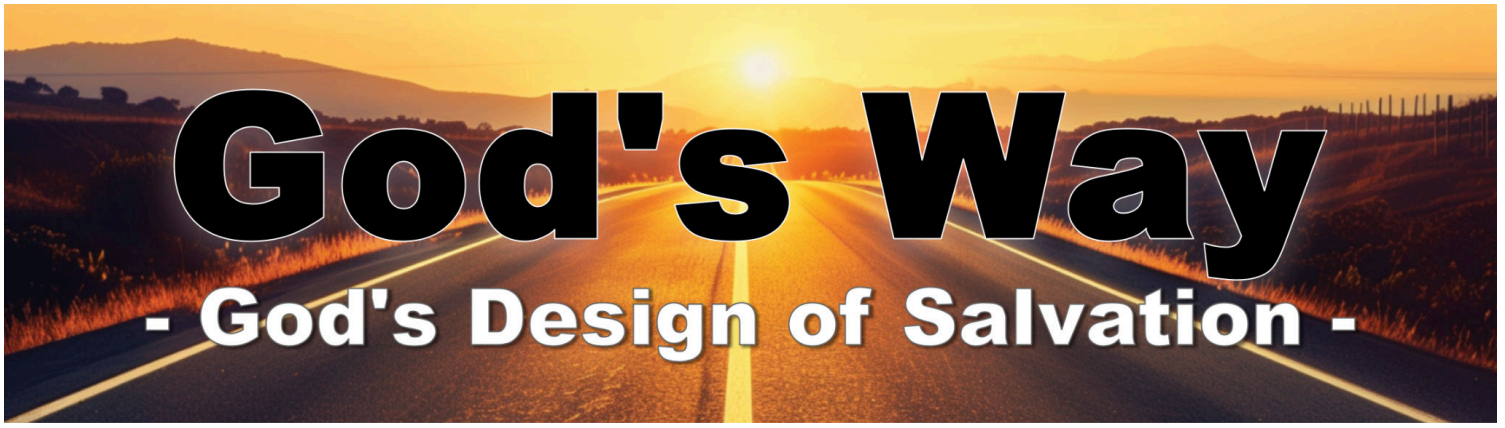


Week of May 10, 2026 - The Gospel of God | Small Group Lesson 1

Connect

Think of a time in your life when you were anxiously waiting for some important news. What was it like the exact moment you finally heard the "good news"? How did that sudden relief change your physical and emotional state? What did it teach you about trust, worry, or faith?

Verses - Romans 1:1-7 (CSB)

Read aloud:

1 Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God– 2 which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures– 3 concerning his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who was a descendant of David according to the flesh 4 and was appointed to be the powerful Son of God according to the Spirit of holiness by the resurrection of the dead. 5 Through him we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the Gentiles, 6 including you who are also called by Jesus Christ. 7 To all who are in Rome, loved by God, called as saints. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Briefly restate the context. How is it encouraging, challenging, comforting, etc.?

Study

Answer the questions together based on the Bible verses:

1. In verse 1, how does Paul describe his identity and his specific life's purpose?

2. According to verses 2-3, what is the "origin" of this Gospel, and who is the central figure it concerns?

3. In verse 4, what event "declared" or proved with power that Jesus is the Son of God?

4. According to verse 5, through Jesus we have received grace and apostleship for what specific purpose among all nations?

Share

Discuss 1:
Pastor Takeshi noted that we have two options: live for our own interests and ambitions, or live as a "willing slave" of Jesus. In what specific area of your life is it currently hardest to "obey God no matter what"? How would truly believing that God "always desires the best for you" change your stress levels in that area?

Discuss 2:
If our lives are a reflection of what we believe, what does your current lifestyle reflect about your view of God? If you lived this week fully convinced that God is 100% loving and truthful, what is one relationship you would handle differently?

Minister to one another through PRAYER sharing specific prayer requests.