

Lord Help Me to be Generous With the Gospel

Romans 1:16

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BIG IDEA

We conclude our series, “Lord Help Me to Be Generous,” by focusing on the most important treasure we have: the gospel of Jesus Christ. In Romans 1:16, Paul declares his unashamed confidence in the gospel because it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes. Being generous with the gospel means refusing to keep this life-changing message to ourselves. If we truly believe the gospel is the power of God for salvation, we will share it boldly, joyfully, and urgently. True generosity means giving others the greatest gift we’ve ever received—new life in Christ.

THIS WEEK’S SCRIPTURE

Romans 1:16 (ESV)

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

MAIN THEME

Generosity isn’t complete until we’ve shared the good news of Jesus. The gospel carries the power to save, transform, and restore lives, and we are entrusted as its messengers. If we truly grasp the significance of what we’ve received in Christ, we won’t remain silent. Instead, we will be driven by love to proclaim the gospel without fear or shame. Being generous with the gospel means we see every conversation, relationship, and opportunity as a divine appointment to share the hope we have in Jesus.

DISCUSSION & APPLICATION

1. Why Are We Sometimes Ashamed?

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- Paul boldly declares that he is “not ashamed” of the gospel. What are some reasons people today might feel hesitant or embarrassed to share their faith?
- Have you ever felt reluctant to share the gospel? What held you back?
- How can remembering the power of the gospel help overcome fear or shame?



2. **The Gospel is Power**

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- What does it mean that the gospel is “the power of God for salvation”?
- How have you personally experienced the transforming power of the gospel?
- How can sharing your testimony be a way of being generous with the gospel?

3. **For Everyone Who Believes**

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- Who does Paul say the gospel is for?
- What does this teach us about who needs to hear the gospel message?
- How might God be calling you to cross social, cultural, or relational boundaries to share the gospel?

4. **First to the Jew, Then to the Greek**

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- Why does Paul mention the Jew first, then the Greek? What does this reveal about God's plan for salvation?
- How can this encourage us to see God's heart for all people and nations?
- Who in your life might be overlooked or assumed to be uninterested in the gospel?

5. **Living Unashamed**

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- What would it look like for you to live unashamed of the gospel this week?
- What opportunities might you have to speak about Jesus with others?
- How can you pray for courage and boldness in your witness?

PRAY

Jesus, thank you for the gospel, which is your power that brings salvation to everyone who believes. Forgive me for the times I've been silent or ashamed to speak of you. Fill me with boldness, love, and compassion for the people around me. Help me to be generous with the greatest treasure I've received—sharing the good news of your life, death, and resurrection. May I live unashamed, eager to proclaim your name in every place you send me. Amen.

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For further study this week:



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- Matthew 28:18-20 — The Great Commission
- Acts 1:8 — You will be my witnesses
- 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 — Ambassadors for Christ
- 1 Peter 3:15 — Always be ready to give a reason for your hope
- Colossians 4:5-6 — Walk wisely and speak with grace

NEXT WEEK'S BIG IDEA

A Celebration of Ridgewood Church's Passion for Planting Churches and Advancing Global Missions.

