



THE ROMANS ROAD • ROMANS 1:1

Romans 1:1 opens with the greeting of its author, the apostle Paul. Yet even in this brief introduction, we are given more than a name. Paul tells us how he understands himself and how he sees his Savior. From this opening verse, we are invited to look a little way down what has often been called “The Romans Road,” catching a glimpse of what lies ahead in the letter and why it was written in the first place.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In light of Matt’s initial question, “how will the Lord use the book of Romans in my life?” reflect as a group on how God has already used Romans in your life in the past?
2. What are the three characteristics that Paul uses to introduce himself in this letter? What is significant about these titles/attributes he uses?
3. How about you? How would you introduce yourself to an audience of Christians? Are you yourself a servant of Christ Jesus? Has your life been set apart for the gospel of God?
4. Look at the outline of the book of Romans laid out by Matt in his map of Romans. What is significant about the word righteousness and what place does it play in the structure of Paul’s letter to the church in Rome?
5. Now consider the four reasons Matt gave for Paul’s writing the letter. How do these four reasons inform and reflect the mission of The Trails Church? Spend some time praying as a group for the mission of our church, and for the work that God has in store for us as we study Romans together.