

NOT ASHAMED

7 ARROWS

CENTRAL TRUTH

In his letter to the Romans, Paul described the depth of our spiritual darkness and sin's penalty, which is God's wrath. But **God revealed His saving power through the good news of Jesus**, and we are called to respond with faith. By the Spirit's power, we can be confident in this good news and boldly share it with others.

KEY QUESTION

↑ How is the power of God revealed through the gospel?

Paul tells his readers that he isn't ashamed of the gospel because God reveals His saving power through this good news. The gospel is God's power to save us from the penalty of sin, the power of sin, and one day, the very presence of sin in our world. This salvation is for all who believe.

KEEP IN MIND

- Paul refers to the Roman Christians as "saints"—people who are set apart and called by God. While this isn't a term we hear frequently today, students may be quick to associate it with someone who is unusually holy and or special. Students need to know that God has given them a new identity as saints who are loved by Him.
- Adults and students alike can feel embarrassed or ashamed for their belief in the gospel. Keep in mind that guilt is not a good long-term motivator. Aim to help them see how glorious Jesus is and how great His love is for them that He would rescue them. Just as Paul did, we're to be bold about the gospel.

APPLICATION

- Why is it important for us to remember that we are "loved by God" and called "saints" in Christ (v. 7)?

THE WIN

FOR THE STUDENT: God revealed His saving power through the gospel of Jesus. Through faith in Him, we are saved from the penalty of sin and are now saints, set apart people for God.

FOR THE LEADER: Like Paul, we are to paint an accurate portrait of our hopelessness apart from Christ. With this in mind, students also need to be reminded that we have hope in Christ and are truly loved by God. Encourage them to ask the Holy Spirit for boldness to share this hope with others.

- ↻ What does this passage say?
- ↑ What does this passage tell us about God?
- ← What did this passage mean to its original audience?
- ↔ How does this passage change the way I relate to people?
- ↓ What does this passage tell us about the human heart?
- ↻ How does this passage prompt me to pray?
- What does this passage demand of me?