



SERMON OUTLINE

Sunday Sept 17th 2017

PASTOR DAVID COOKE: The Heart of the Mater

Romans 1: 8-17

I. First, Prayer

A. Story

1. The Ten Disciplines becoming the Eleven Disciplines
2. The Essential Essentials
 - Forgetting prayer

B. Thankfulness

"First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world." (Romans 1:8, ESV)



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C. Awareness / Remembrance

"For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you" (Romans 1:9, ESV)

D. Pleading

"always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's will I may now at last succeed in coming to you." (Romans 1:10, ESV)

II. People You Should Trust

A. Paul's Intentions Are Clear

1. Impart Grace

"For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you— that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine." (Romans 1:11-12, ESV)



2. Receive Support

"I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles." (Romans 1:13, ESV)

3. Proclaim Good News

"I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome." (Romans 1:14–15, ESV)

III. The Heart of the Matter

A. Powerful, Not Power-less

"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. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."" (Romans 1:16–17, ESV)

"for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control." (2 Timothy 1:7, ESV)



Ephesians 1:16-20 (ESV)

1. The Gospel gives boldness
2. The Gospel is powerful to save
3. The Gospel is for all
4. The Gospel reveals the path to the best life
5. Faith (belief) is the key that unlocks the benefits and riches of the Gospel.



LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

Ice Breaker If you could live in a movie, TV show, or book, what would it be?

Group Covenant

Prayer Tithe Give your time to God. Before your sermon discussion, pray together.

This Week Romans 1:8-17

1. If you were to rate yourself on a scale of 1 to 10 (with 1 being weak, 10 being strong), what number would you give yourself in the area of prayer?

2. Read verses 8 -10. What do you notice about how Paul prayed? Paul starts with Thanksgiving; how can you be more intentional in this area of prayer in your life? What are three things you are thankful for about someone else?



6. Paul emphasizes the **power** of the gospel here in these verses, as he does elsewhere. Read 2 Timothy 1:7 and Ephesians 1:16-20. Why is power so important and what is this power he is talking about?
7. Where have you seen the power of God show up? Where do you need the power of God to show up?
8. Do as Paul did, take time to pray for the power of God for yourself, someone else and for Cold Springs Church.