

Discussion Guide

SERMON TITLE: A Reputation Worth Having

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RECAP:

This past week we looked at how the good news of salvation is found in Jesus Christ. As we continue through the book of Romans, we are looking at how Paul is writing to the Roman church to affirm them in their reputation. As we read this, we can be challenged in our own reputations as Christians and how we portray our faith to others.

- Share a story of a time you needed encouragement and someone was there for you.

READ ROMANS 1:5-15.

- Note all the “I” statements in this passage. What does this say about Paul?
- In verse 14, why might Paul have said he's obligated to both the Greeks, Non-Greeks, wise, and foolish?
- What is the connection between God's grace and obedience to Him?
- What was the reputation of the church in Rome?

REFLECT.

- What can you do to foster a good reputation for Christianity, your faith, ECC, etc?
- How often does your faith come up in conversation each week?
- Is it easier for you to give or receive encouragement? Why?
- Do you ever find your faith drifting to things other than God? How can you refocus your faith towards Christ?

MEMORY VERSE:

Romans 1:11-12

For I long to see you, that I may impart some spiritual gift to strengthen you—that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine.

NEXT STEPS:

- I am thankful for the grace of God which enables me to be obedient to him.
- I want to be known as a passionate follower of Jesus who is committed to spreading his gospel message.
- I am committed to helping ECC foster a reputation of faithfulness among the communities we serve.
- I will encourage others with my faith this week by _____