

Small Group Discussion Guide: The Unity of Scripture

Based on Romans 1:1-17



Warm Up

- What comes to mind when you hear the phrase "the unity of Scripture"?
- Can you think of a time when a story from the Old Testament suddenly made more sense after reading a passage in the New Testament, or vice versa? Share your experience with the group.



Know It

- **The Promise (Romans 1:2-4):**
 - Paul starts by emphasizing that the gospel was "promised beforehand" by the prophets in the Holy Scriptures. What is the significance of this statement?
 - How does this idea—that the gospel has been part of God's plan from the very beginning—change your perspective on the entire Bible?
- **The Plan (Romans 1:5; Ephesians 3:3-6):**
 - In Romans, Paul mentions that God appointed him to proclaim the gospel to "all the Gentiles." How does this relate to what he says in Ephesians 3 about the "mystery" being revealed?
 - What does the inclusion of the Gentiles tell us about God's comprehensive, overarching plan? How does this demonstrate the unity and purpose of the entire biblical narrative?
- **The Person (Romans 1:16-17):**
 - Paul says he is "not ashamed of the gospel" because it is "the power of God for salvation." What makes the gospel so powerful?
 - Verses 16-17 are often called the theme of the book of Romans. What do these verses teach us about the role of faith, and what does it mean to live "by faith from first to last"?



Share It

- Paul's life was completely transformed by the gospel. In what ways have you personally experienced the "power of God for salvation"?
- Paul was so convinced of the truth of the gospel that he was not ashamed to share it. Is it ever difficult for you to share your faith? What gives you courage?
- How can understanding the deep connection and unity between the Old and New Testaments strengthen your own faith and your ability to share the gospel with others?



Live It

- This week, choose a book from the Old Testament (e.g., Genesis 12, 15 Exodus 6, 1 Chronicle 17, Isaiah 40-55) and as you read, intentionally look for ways that it points forward to the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- The sermon focused on how God's plan is for all people. Is there a person in your life you can pray for and ask God for an opportunity to share the gospel with this week?
- Spend some time meditating on the centrality of "The Promise," "The Plan," and "The Person" in your own life and how it shapes your daily walk with Christ.