# **Introduction - Romans 1:1-7**

Topics: Affirmation, Ambassadors, Call, Witnessing

# **Open It**

- 1. What are some of the normal ways people begin a letter or a phone call?
- 2. When have you been startled by the opening paragraph of a letter?
- \* 3. If you were writing the initial letter to a pen pal, how would you introduce yourself?

### **Explore It**

- \* 4. How did Paul introduce and identify himself to the Romans? (1:1)
  - 5. What special calling on his life did Paul feel? (1:1)
  - 6. In what ways has God revealed His gospel to people? (1:2-4)
  - 7. Who is the focus of God's gospel? (1:2-4)
  - 8. What credentials does Jesus have to confirm His claim as Son of God? (1:3-4)
- \* 9. What did Paul and others receive as a calling for their lives? (1:5)
  - 10. Who were the new group of people being exposed to the gospel message? (1:5)
  - 11. What were the Gentiles and all people being called to believe? (1:5)
  - 12. How did Paul describe the people who were receiving this letter? (1:6)
  - 13. To whom was this letter written? (1:7)
- \* 14. What kind of greeting did Paul send to his audience? (1:7)

#### Get It

- \* 15. In what way do you feel God has placed a special calling on your life?
  - 16. What purpose for living has God given you?
- \* 17. What words do you use to describe yourself to others as a follower of Jesus Christ?
  - 18. How did you feel when you realized God's gospel was meaningful to you?
  - 19. What do most people today believe about God's plan for the world?
  - 20. What do most people today believe about God's plan for their personal salvation?
  - 21. How have your beliefs about Jesus Christ changed during the various stages of your life?
  - 22. In what ways would remembering in prayer each day God's calling on and plan for your life affect your daily walk with Christ?

# **Apply It**

- 23. With whom could you share God's unfolding plan of salvation for the whole world?
- 24. How would you explain God's plan of salvation to a friend?
- \* 25. To what friend could you explain God's love and your response to His plan of salvation? How?