



Discussion Guide
Not Ashamed – Part 3
LEADER GUIDE

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In this series, we're rediscovering what it means to have bold confidence in the Gospel. In Romans 1, Paul declares he is not ashamed because the Gospel is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes. This challenges us to live with that same courage and share the hope of Jesus with others.

NEED A RESOURCE, HAVE A QUESTION, OR WANT TO HAVE A CONVERSATION?
Let us know how we can help! Contact your groups director or discipleship@rockbridge.cc

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LEADER RESOURCES || Leader Note You should have three physical resource items to use and hand out in your groups over the course of this series. This week, you'll be using the booklet, and you can send it home with your participants after the session is over.

ENGAGE & CONNECT || Leader Note The goal for the icebreaker is to prepare your group for the conversation ahead by connecting with one another's hearts and building joy together.

Who in the Bible has the coolest story of meeting Jesus?

BEGIN WITH PRAYER || Leader Note Begin your time together thanking God for his presence and praying His word back to Him. Ask a few people to pray, taking a posture of humility and dependence!

Lord, give us Your eyes to see the people You've sent us to love.

MEMORIZING SCRIPTURE || Leader Note Help your group memorize this verse together. Have some read it, then see if anyone wants to volunteer to recite it.

"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."

[Romans 1:16]

DISCUSSION || Leader Note Your role is to FACILITATE, so keep your group moving along, encourage people to share, and look for opportunities to point out the grace and glory of God! Answers do not have to be read aloud ... they're for guidance! We usually let leaders know that they can skip and adjust the questions as needed, but please go through all of them during this training series.

1. How was writing your story out? Were there parts that felt more natural or more difficult?
Answers will vary. Hopefully, seeing their story in front of them will help people realize the legitimacy of the work God has done in their lives in a new way. But, if they're struggling with confidence in expressing themselves in writing, or if they're unsure about some facet of their story, this is the place to share those things.
2. Read Romans 6:20-23 together. Leaders, pass out booklets and turn to page 4 and have someone read the B.A.S.E. acronym. Why is clarity about who Jesus is important? *In the end, a relationship with Jesus is the greatest gift. He is the one who is authoring these stories. He is the*

reason and the point.

3. Why do people struggle with grace being a gift? Do you struggle with that? *Answers may vary, but our culture certainly doesn't love the idea that we're receiving what we haven't earned.*
4. What part of B.A.S.E. feels most natural for you to explain? Most unnatural? *Different people may find different things more relatable to their own experience, or perhaps something connected with them particularly well.*
5. We are not trying to perform. We are training to be faithful. Trying feels like pressure, while training builds confidence. You train in safe spaces so you are ready in real moments. Leaders: turn to page 5 and read Matthew 28:19-20. How is making disciples more than sharing the gospel? *There are a lot of ways to encourage and equip people along their journey to following Jesus, and sharing the gospel with them is just one step along that path.*
6. Have someone read the "God is With Us as We Go" section. How does knowing God is with you remove fear? *It's good to know we're not alone, but it is especially good that it is the Spirit of God who is working through the entire situation—in us, in them, drawing us together closer to the Lord.*
7. Read through the values at the bottom of the page. Which one of these is your favorite? Which one is hardest? *Answers will vary.*

PRAYER FOCUS || **Leader Note** *Be intentional about saving at least 5 minutes to pray together. Try the prayer activity below or pray for one another's personal requests!*

Practice

This week's challenge is to pick one safe person. This can be your spouse, a close friend, someone in the group, or a family member.

- Practice sharing your 3-minute story and the B.A.S.E explanation
- Continue praying for your one. Place yourself in spaces where you can be a blessing.
- Close your time by reading this prayer together:
 - *"Jesus, may we be agents of Your kingdom this week. Show us who needs Your love, show us what we can give, and prepare our hearts to pour out kindness and blessing from Your hand."*