1. **Romans 1:16**

* Share what comes to mind when you read this famous verse with the group.
* What do you believe Paul or the Romans themselves, might have been encountering while proclaiming the “gospel” that would have him proclaim to the Church, “I am not ashamed of the gospel”?
* **Mark 8:38, Luke 9:26**
* What is the outcome of one who is “ashamed” of Jesus Christ and his “words” according to these scripture passages?
* **John 12:44-50**
* When we believe in Jesus Christ who else do we believe in?
* How serious is it for those who reject Christ’s “words” and why is this so?
* Considering Paul’s statement about “not” being ashamed of the “gospel”, do you think there are some in society today who claim to be Christian, who feel they are “ashamed” of the message of Christ and whom may even “reject” his “word”, or was this just a concern of the past?
* **Hebrews 13:7, Psalm 119:1-8**
* What type of life might one live who is “not ashamed of the gospel” and accepts our Lord’s message, please give examples?
* **Matthew 10:40, John 13:20**
* Who do we receive when we receive Christ and those he sent to teach us?
* **Catechism 85-87**
* Consider the **Catechism**, who do we reject when we reject the teachings of the church?
* Reflect back on **Romans verse 16** Consider the statement Paul made, “Jew first, and then Greek”, and explain what you believe Paul is trying to convey about the role of the Jews during this time (after Christ’s death and resurrection)?
* Please share your favorite verse from today’s study with the group.