

# Going Viral – Grace Goes Viral

## Part 3

Key Scriptures: Romans 1:14-17;

### 1. Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What is your funniest or most relatable “Help me, Jesus!” moment? Does it describe a once-in-a-lifetime moment or a regular temptation or struggle that you face?

### 2. Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Read Romans 1:14-15. What is Paul “obligated” to do concerning the Greeks and non-Greeks, the wise and foolish? Who is he obligated to... the people hearing his teaching, or to Jesus who commanded us to go? (See Mathew 28:19; Mark 16:15 and Acts 1:8)
- Why would the Greeks be called “wise”, and the non-Greeks called “foolish”?  
<https://www.bibleref.com/Romans/1/Romans-1-14.html>
- Read Romans 1:16. Why would the Christians in Rome be ashamed of the Gospel? What reasons would the gospel story about a carpenter from a back-water province in Israel, who the Romans killed be something to be ashamed of? What kind of peer pressure or criticism do you think non-Christians in pagan Rome exerted on the small group of Christians there?
- Read Romans 1:17. The righteous will live by faith... alone. Why does Paul talk about faith this way at the beginning of his letter to the church in Rome? Can you find other verses in the Bible that confirm the importance of faith?

### 3. Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- Read Acts 1:8. What is the power that we receive to be witnesses? Where are we to be witnesses? If the disciple’s home was Jerusalem and Judea/Samaria were neighboring counties then where are your “Jerusalem”, “Judea” and “Samaria”?
- What is the most uncomfortable conversation you remember having? (Not the details! Just the general idea.) Was it more uncomfortable for you or for who you were talking with? Why was it important to have the conversation?
- How do you overcome the fear of sharing the gospel with others? How do you stand up to the peer pressure of our culture to leave everyone to their own beliefs? How do you demonstrate love to others when it is uncomfortable?

### 4. Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

- Pray for boldness to share the Gospel.
- Pray that the love Jesus has for others overcomes your reluctance to share the truth of the Gospel with them.
- Pray that God would make those who you are sharing with open to hearing the truth.

### 5. Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Research what the Bible says about having faith and sharing your faith. Write down one observation from each verse you find. (Examples: Romans 10:17; 1 Peter 3:15; 2 Timothy 4:2; Matthew 5:16; Colossians 4:5-6; 1 Corinthians 9:22; Philippians 2:15-16; 2 Corinthians 5:20; Luke 12:8)