



## The Deep End wk1: Dive In

**Introduction:** Sometimes we settle for shallow end of things spiritually. We can like to keep things simple because it's easier to understand, but the deep end is there to enrich and develop faith in a way that leads to not only greater understanding, but more trust in who God is and what He is doing. Let's dive in to the Deep End in Romans together.

### Discussion Questions

1. When you were learning to swim, were you someone who wanted to get the diving boards and deep end stuff quickly; or did you see that as the scary part of the pool?
2. When you study the Bible, are there books or passages that you avoid or tread lightly because you don't understand them? What have you found helpful in studying the deeper things?
3. Read **Romans 1:14-17** What can we learn about the purpose Paul has in writing? Why was unity between Jewish and Greek Christians so important to Paul?
4. Read **Romans 1:18-23** Why does Paul say the wrath of God is being poured out? Is he talking about final judgment or consequences of sin in our world today? Anything on that list of sins that surprised you?
5. According to this passage, why does God hold people accountable even if they don't know Jesus? What can people know about God without being taught? Paul talks about people having a depraved mind, meaning that they convince themselves that their way of thinking is better or truer than God's. Where do you see that in our culture?
6. Paul says he is not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of salvation... Can you give a simple definition of the gospel? How has that gospel changed you?

**Shaping Your Mind** - *For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes... Romans 1:16a*

**Moving Forward** – Both ends of the pool are necessary, but we spend too much time in shallow things. Let's dive into the deep end together!