

**Message Outline**  
*Church Shopping*  
**Romans 1:1-17**



**Intro:** Word of the Year: CHURCH...

- Upcoming sermon series in 2023...
- “Church Shopping” starting today: a look into the Biblical letters written to the ancient churches.
- A trip to Rome...

**Read:** Romans 1:1-17

**Background of Church in Rome**

- Capital city!
- Politics, business, entertainment...everything you could imagine!
- A church community too! Started perhaps from Pentecost outpouring (cf. Acts 2:10).
- Letter written around 57 AD.

1) \_\_\_\_\_ v.8

- Rome’s influence...
- Bellevue’s influence on others...

2) \_\_\_\_\_ v.16-17

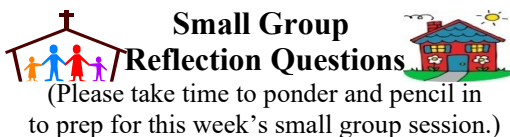
- Doctrine of Romans...detailing the Gospel!
- The Romans Road...
  - a) Romans 3:23, 6:23a—Sin, standards, and wages...
  - b) Romans 6:23—The Gift of God
  - c) Romans 5:8—Jesus’ purchase of gift...
  - d) Romans 10:9—Securing the divine deposit...
  - e) Romans 10:14-15—Telling others of the transaction...

3) \_\_\_\_\_ v.11-12

- Rome’s launching to Spain (15:23-24)
- More ground to gain for the Gospel...

**Closing:** Romans continued reach...

- Augustine, Luther, Wesley...



*\*God is at work in this world. Where did you “see/sense” Him this week?*

***Read: John 1:1-18, Luke 15:3-7, 9:52-56***

*\*With these verses in mind, how would you explain Jesus to someone who never heard about Him?*

***Movie Review: Ep.1 “Thunder” (~30min—Part 1.)***

*\*The episode begins with John interviewing the disciples about their memories of Jesus. How would you share about how you met Jesus? What traits/characteristics/truths led you to Him?*

*\*Pick a quote of Jesus in this episode and tell how it applies to your life today:*

*a) “I ask a lot of those who follow me, but I ask little of those who do not.” –Jesus*

*b) “I don’t address everything at once with new converts.” -Jesus*

*c) “Our stories connect us. Tell me your story.” -Jesus*