

# THE ANSWER

## **The Potential Impact of a Gospel-Based Relationship**

Romans 1:8-12

### MESSAGE NOTES

*Your involvement in another person's life can change weakness into strength, instability into stability, discouragement into perseverance, doubt into faith.*

This kind of impact happens when:

- **Your outlook on life is Gospel-based. (8-9)**
- **You spend intentional time with people. (10-11)**
- **You share from what God has given you. (11)**
- **You recognize areas of weakness and instability in your life. (11-12)**
- **You are humble enough to not only give but receive. (12)**
- **You share openly about your life of faith. (12)**

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

What stood out to you from this passage of Scripture and this message?

What does a “Gospel-based outlook on life” look like for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Christian?

What are some reasons we do not spend intentional time with people? What are some practical ways we can grow in this?

What are some of your strengths that you can share from in order to help others? These may be abilities, experiences, insight, knowledge, etc. In other words, what has God given you or taught you that you can use to strengthen or encourage someone else?

When are we likely to recognize our areas of weakness and instability? What kinds of circumstances reveal these? Do you tend to welcome people’s involvement in your life during these times or resist it?

What are some examples of relationships similar to Paul’s with the Romans – a more mature or prominent Christian who should be willing to learn from and be encouraged by a younger, less mature, or lesser-known Christian? How does this concept help or challenge you?

Share some conversation starters that you can use to help you share openly about your life of faith. Give some for talking with other Christians and some for talking with unbelievers.

What are some ways you can apply these truths to your life this week?