

The Mission Is Priority:
Sunday, November 11, 2018
Big Idea: The mission is priority

Romans 15:20-22

20. and thus I make it my ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named, lest I build on someone else's foundation, 21. But as it is written,

“Those who have never been told of him will see, and those who have never heard will understand.”

²²This is the reason why I have so often been hindered from coming to you.

Three ways the body of Christ can fuel the mission of God

1. Fellowship (15:23-24,32)

A. Fellowship is important to our spiritual health and displays the power of the gospel

- **Fellowship Defined:** “[Fellowship is] a sharing with our fellow-believers the things that God has made known to us about himself, in hope that we may thus help them to know him better and so enrich their fellowship with him.” – J.I. Packer

2. Partnership Fuels the Mission of God (15:25-28)

A. Gospel Partnership expresses unity

B. Gospel Partnership is a natural response to the gospel (Romans 11; 2nd Corinthians 8:1-5)

3. Prayer fuels the mission of God (15:30-33)

A. Paul Appeals for them to strive with him in prayer

- a. (31a.) that [he] may be delivered from the unbelievers in Judea
- b. (31b.) that my service for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints