



Discussion Guide

November 30, 2025

Romans 15:14-22

¹⁴I myself am convinced, my brothers and sisters, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with knowledge and competent to instruct one another. ¹⁵Yet I have written you quite boldly on some points to remind you of them again, because of the grace God gave me ¹⁶to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles. He gave me the priestly duty of proclaiming the gospel of God, so that the Gentiles might become an offering acceptable to God, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

¹⁷Therefore I glory in Christ Jesus in my service to God. ¹⁸I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me in leading the Gentiles to obey God by what I have said and done— ¹⁹by the power of signs and wonders, through the power of the Spirit of God. So from Jerusalem all the way around to Illyricum, I have fully proclaimed the gospel of Christ. ²⁰It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known, so that I would not be building on someone else's foundation. ²¹Rather, as it is written: "Those who were not told about him will see, and those who have not heard will understand." ²²This is why I have often been hindered from coming to you.

Read Romans 15:14-16

1. Why do you think Paul affirms the Roman believers before reminding them of key truths? Do you think this is an effective strategy? Why or why not?
2. What does Paul's ministry to the Gentiles reveal about God's plan for salvation?
3. How does this passage elevate the purpose of gospel ministry beyond personal success? In what ways are you able to see your labors in this world as an expression of the gospel ministry God calls us to?

Read Romans 15:17-22

4. Paul seems careful to boast only in what Christ has done through him. Why do you think he takes such care? How might we remind ourselves to glory in what God is doing rather than what we personally are accomplishing?

5. How does Paul's ambition to reach unreached people challenge our own priorities?

6. In Galatians 1:13-16 Paul speaks confidently of his calling to preach the gospel to the non-Jewish world. How confident are you about God's calling for you in the world? How do you describe what He has uniquely called you to do in this world?

7. What role does the power of the Holy Spirit play in Paul's understanding of effective ministry? How might we apply those ideas in our own day to day life?