

**“Man on a Mission”
(Romans 15:14-33)**

The call of Christ and the gospel so captured Paul’s heart that he ordered and prioritized all of life accordingly. His laser-focus serves as a practical example to every believer, to help us know and do God’s will, based on what we glean from...

Paul’s PURPOSE in His Writing (14-16)

- Expresses His Confidence (14)
- Explains His Calling (15-16)

Paul’s PRAISE for His Work (17-21)

- Powerful Work (17-19)
- Pioneering Work (20-21)

Paul’s PLANS in God’s Will (22-29)

- Finally Visit Rome (22-24)
- First Visit Jerusalem (25-29)

Paul’s PLEA for God’s Watch-care (30-33)

- Success in Jerusalem (30-31)
- Safe Arrival in Rome (32-33)

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Small Group/Family Discussion Guide

Icebreaker: Paul wanted to go to Rome and Spain now that his initial missionary journeys were finished. Where would you like to (or where did you) settle down in your “retirement years” and why?

1. What does it mean to “admonish one another” (15:14), and why did Paul consider this an important quality to mention? (See admonish, warn in Col 3:16; 1 Thes 5:12-14; 1 Cor 4:14)
2. What difference would it make if we considered the building up of others as a sacrificial (priestly) offering to the Lord? (Consider Paul’s heart in 2 Cor 11:1-3; Col 1:25-28; Phil 2:17)
3. How did Paul’s view of his calling to serve God affect his decision making in delaying his visit to Rome? How could this mind-set help us in discerning God’s will in life decisions (e.g., where to live, job, friends, ministry involvement, hobbies, etc.)?
4. Paul “fully preached the gospel from Jerusalem to Illyricum.” What is a possible area, location, or group of people that you (or your church) could target with the gospel as you invest your life for God?
5. Why was it important to Paul to make a trip to Jerusalem before going to Rome? What debt of gratitude do we owe to the Jews? What are some things we can do to protect the unity in our church?

Small Group Prayer

Rom 15:30-31 shows how highly Paul valued the prayers of the church. Include a time of “striving together” with our missionaries in prayers to God for them. Also pray for the salvation or spiritual growth of one person that you have contact with from time to time.