

**Sunday evening Community Group,
Conclusion: Romans 15:14 – 16:27
March 1, 2020**

The key to Reading Romans: “MISSIONal commUNITY”

The purpose of Romans: THE GLORY OF GOD seen in a united missionary church humbled together under grace.

Section A (15:14-19): Gospel ministry is Christ offering a new society to God through us.

1. What is Paul's authority and how does he describe his job (15:14-19)?
2. What does he mean by describing this job as being like that of an Old Covenant priest in the temple (15:16)?

Section B (15:20-24): Gospel ambition always seeks to reach unreached people so that they bow the knee to Jesus Christ.

3. What is Paul's ambition (15:20)?
4. How does the verse he quotes in 15:21 help us understand his ambition?
5. What two reasons does he give for planning to visit Rome now (vv. 23-24)?
6. What does he hope the church in Rome will do when he visits (v. 24)?

Section C (15:25-29): Gospel debt means that love to those from whom we received the gospel is as important as zeal to reach those who will receive the gospel from us (15:25-29).

7. What must Paul do first (15:25-29)?

Section D (15:30-33): Gospel prayer is part of the shared gospel struggle, because only God can create a united missionary church.

8. What does Paul ask them to pray for him (15:30-33)?

Section E (16:1-16): Paul commends and sends greetings to gospel workers in the church in Rome.

9. What characteristics do you notice in the people Paul greets (16:1-16)?

Section F (16:17-20): A final word of warning and exhortation against anti-gospel divisions.

10. Why does Paul need to add the warning of 16:17-20? What is going wrong and how are they to guard against it?

11. What encouragement does Paul give them in 16:20? How does Genesis 3:15 help us understand this? (Who does the “crushing” and under whose feet? Can you explain this?)

Section G (16:21-23): Paul's fellow gospel workers add their greetings.

Section H (16:25-27): Closing ascription of glory to the God of all grace.

12. What is God able to do and how does he do it (16:25-26)?

13. Why does all the glory go to “the only wise God” at the end of the letter (16:27)?

Think about:

1. How has Romans moved us more deeply to give all the glory to God.