

FOUNDATIONS FOR MODERN MISSION DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

ROMANS 15:8-21

1 In Romans 15, Paul draws our attention to God's mission to save a people for His own glory, and the role that He has given each of us in that mission. Christopher Wright says "We [often] ask, "Where does God fit into the story of my life?" when the real question is, "Where does my little life fit into the great story of God's mission?"


 *What is the method God uses to carry out His mission? What kind of people does He use, and what does that mean for us as members of this local church?*


 *In what ways have you been asking "Where does God fit into the story of my life?" And, what would look different if you asked instead, "Where does my little life fit into the great story of God's mission?"*

2 Paul quotes several OT texts in Romans 15:9-12. Look over them. What ties them together? What is the common denominator in them?

 *The flow of these texts remind us that God's nature is unchanging. What implications does that truth have on how you think about the mission God has called His people to?*

3 Read Romans 15:14. What are the three pieces of evidence of gospel grace found in this verse? And what does each one look like in the everyday life of the church in our day?

 *Think about your own life. Where do you see evidence of each of those three aspects of gospel grace in your own life and practice?*

 *Which of those 3 evidences of gospel grace needs most strengthened or better equipped in you, and what would growth look like in that area in your life? How can your group pray together for growth in that area?*

4 **Read Romans 12:1 and 15:15-16.** How are these 2 verses connected, and how does Romans 12:1 help us understand and apply Romans 15:16?

⚙️ *How does seeing your life as a living sacrifice and those that come to Christ through gospel proclamation as an offering of praise encourage you personally to continue with evangelistic zeal?*

♥️ *How have you been discouraged recently in your evangelism?*

5 **Paul describes a kind of boldness and pride He has in His participation in God's mission.** Is what Paul is describing a good thing? Why or why not? Where do you think that comes from?

🔊 *What is the difference between "good boldness" and "bad boldness," good pride and bad pride?*

🗨️ *What are the things that you are most proud of and what is the source of your pride?*

♥️ *How have you seen the kind of pride Paul is modeling in your own life? How does it differ from other forms of pride?*

6 **Read Romans 15:20-21.** Why do you think Paul was so focused on preaching Christ to those who had not yet heard of Him? See also 1 Corinthians 3:6,10.

🗨️ *Have you ever had the opportunity to talk to an individual or group of people who had never really heard of Christ? What was that like?*

🔊 *What would it look like for you to "make it your ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named?" How can we pray as a group that God would help you in that ambition?*

🔊 *Think of some specific people that you want to reach for Christ and brainstorm together some specific and concrete steps that you can take to reach them.*