

SERMON OUTLINE Romans 15:14-21

Missions Week - Name Christ Everywhere!

PAUL'S MISSION (16, 19-20)

WHERE PAUL'S MISSION CAME FROM (15-16)

WHAT IT COST HIM (ACTS 9-28, 2 CORINTHIANS 11:23-28)

PAUL'S MOTIVATION TO STAY ON MISSION (ROMANS 1-11; 2 CORINTHIANS 4:16-18; PHILIPPIANS 1:21)

OUR RESPONSE

1. *Learn the gospel*
2. *Believe the gospel*
3. *Share the gospel*
4. *Take the gospel*
5. *Support the takers of the gospel*
6. *Pray the gospel*

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

The main point of this sermon is that the value of the gospel is far greater than any cost that comes from faithfully taking it to the ends of the earth. My prayer and aim for this sermon is twofold. First, I mean to help you understand the Apostle Paul's life mission as articulated in Romans 15:21, where it came from, what it cost him, and how he was able to joyfully endure the steep cost. And second, I mean to call all of us to join him in his mind, heart, and actions in increasing measure.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. Have you thought much about missions? What's the first thing that comes to mind when you consider missions?
3. Have you been to a missions week at Grace Church before? What was your experience? How was it helpful or challenging?
4. How are you currently participating in missions? How do you feel about the idea of participating in some greater way?
5. What is the mission of your life? Where did it come from? Is it what you want it to be? Is it what you think God wants it to be? Where do you find out what it should be?
6. How much do you know about Paul's missionary journeys? What do you think of what Pastor Dave shared about it? Can you imagine yourself or your kids living the kind of life Paul lived for the sake of spreading the gospel? Why/not?
7. Which cost to Paul's life for bringing the gospel to the people who had never heard it seems most costly to you? Why?
8. What do you think it would take for you to be willing to go to the mission field?
9. Does the gospel seem valuable enough to you to pay the price Paul paid?
10. In what way/s did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

11. Learn the gospel. Spend time, real time, with someone's help, learning the gospel on a deeper level.
12. Believe the gospel. Fight with God's help to believe—growingly believe—the gospel.
13. Share the gospel. Share it with someone and watch the power of God change their minds, hearts, and lives.
14. Take the gospel. Begin praying about and working towards taking the gospel to places it doesn't already exist. Consider Engage Global or working with Marty this summer.
15. Support the takers of the gospel. Renew your commitment to and actual supporting of our sent missionaries. Regularly pray for, check in on, visit, financially support, and promote those who have gone.
16. Pray the gospel. Pray for yourself, those in our church, those who we will share with, and for those at the ends of the earth to learn, believe, share, take, and support the gospel.
17. What is one specific thing you mean to do differently as a result of the things you saw or heard in this text or sermon?

PRAYER POINTS

18. Adoration. Praise God for being entirely worthy of all praise, obedience, honor, and glory. Praise God for being the gospel.
19. Confess. Confess a too-small-view of the gospel. Confess any fear you have in sharing the gospel. Confess any apathy you have to the commands of God or the souls of the lost. Confess any worldly aspects of your life's mission.
20. Thanksgiving. Thank God for whoever brought the gospel to you. Thank God for giving you eyes to see the gospel when it did come to you. Thank God for our missionaries. Thank God for the new believers you know. Thank God for the missions team.
21. Supplication. Pray for yourself, those in our church, those who we will share with, and for those at the ends of the earth to learn, believe, share, take, and support the gospel. Pray for the missions team to keep missions in front of us.