

Romans 1:8-15 Sermon Questions
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Sermon Text Romans 1:8-15 (CSB)

First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you because the news of your faith is being reported in all the world. ⁹ God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in telling the good news about his Son—that I constantly mention you, ¹⁰ always asking in my prayers that if it is somehow in God’s will, I may now at last succeed in coming to you. ¹¹ For I want very much to see you, so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you, ¹² that is, to be mutually encouraged by each other’s faith, both yours and mine. ¹³ Now I don’t want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that I often planned to come to you (but was prevented until now) in order that I might have a fruitful ministry among you, just as I have had among the rest of the Gentiles. ¹⁴ I am obligated both to Greeks and barbarians, both to the wise and the foolish. ¹⁵ So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome. (CSB)

1. Read the text of Romans 1:8-15 as a group. Consider first reading silently alone. Then read it with the person next to you and lastly read it out loud as group with a designated reader. Consider praying through this passage of God’s Word together (Pray the Bible!)

2. How would you respond: You share the gospel with to a neighbor who professes faith in Christ. After just a few seconds of you sharing your friend raises his hand as if to silence you and says, “Yeah, yeah, I know the gospel stuff already. I want to get to the deeper stuff of the Christian faith. That is more important to me and what I need help on.” How would you respond to God’s glory to your neighbor? Strive to be full of grace and truth, love and wisdom in your response. What would you want to challenge your neighbor on? What questions would you ask him? What verses of the Bible might you share with him?

3. Read Romans 1:8 and 1:15. What does this tell you about who the good news of Christ is for? How might these two verses helpfully challenge your friend’s assumptions above in question #2?

4. Why does the Apostle Paul give thanks to God in vs. 8? What does this tell us about the faith of the church of brothers and sisters in Christ who lived in Rome? (see also Eph. 2:8)

5. When you think about the Apostle Paul’s deeply rooted convictions on display in Romans 1:8-15 which of these do you want to grow in most in this season of life? Pray for the Lord to grant your local church family and you this in increasing measure to God’s glory.

6. Glance back/review Romans 1:1-7. Answer with a partner: How would you define the gospel in the sixty seconds or less (from Romans 1:17 in God-breathed Scripture)? Encourage the

brother or sister. Graciously give feedback and gentle self-critiques of your answers. What was blessed you and was an “amen” line true to the Word? What did you (accidentally) notice you left out? What was confusing or needed clarity? Did you share the gospel more as a suggestion or a command worthy of and from God?

7. Read Romans 1:11-12. What did the Apostle Paul long for? How does your local church family encourage one another? Is there a hunger for true fellowship and spiritual encouragement? Along with praying for this how can you model this more to God’s glory?

8. How does the Apostle Paul’s example (i.e. of being prevented from visiting the Christians in Rome but desiring to be with them) help us when we are in a period of waiting (even waiting for something good and God-honoring like Christian fellowship)?

9. The Apostle Paul was ambitious for the gospel and zealous for God’s glory. What do you think of when you hear the word ambition and how do you when ambition is God-honoring versus worldly and wrong? What verses in Romans 1:8-15 help understand this (or other texts of God’s Word).