

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, May 11, 2014

Passage: Romans 15:14-21

Memory Passage: Review your memorization of Romans 6

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Rom. 15:14-23.** How does Romans 15:9-12 help us prepare for and understand Romans 15:14ff?
- (b) Explain each of the three areas about which Paul is satisfied with the Roman believers (v. 14).
- (c) What parts of Romans do you think fit the description of Paul having written “very boldly” to the Romans?
- (d) What might the fact that Paul says he has written “by way of reminder” have to do with his boldness?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Rom. 15:14-21, Is. 66:18-20, & Ez. 36:22-27.** How does Paul describe the “grace given to him” (Rom. 15:16)?
- (b) In Ez. 36, what has happened to God’s name among the nations, how does He intend to rectify this, and how does this passage relate to Romans 15: 16?
- (c) How does Is. 66:18-20 help us understand Paul’s ministry as he describes it in Romans 15:16
- (d) How does the “offering of the Gentiles” become “acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit?”

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Rom. 15:14-21.** Explain how Paul’s boasting (“I have reason to be proud of my works for God”) is not sinful.
- (b) Explain each part of the 3-fold description of how Christ has accomplished bringing the Gentiles into obedience through Paul (vs. 18-19: “by . . . by . . . by”).
- (c) What is the result of Christ’s accomplishments through Paul (v. 19), and in what way has the gospel been fulfilled?
- (d) How does Paul’s boasting instruct you concerning how to respond to others about what God accomplishes through you?

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Romans 15:14-21.** Paul begins v. 20 with, “and thus.” How does this phrase connect v. 20 with vs. 18-19?
- (b) To what does “someone else’s foundation” refer?
- (c) Paul desires to preach, “not where Christ has already been named.” What does this mean, and how does your answer to questions (a) & (b) help you understand this?

(d) Where would be the places in which “Christ has not already been named” today, and should everyone share Paul’s ambition to preach in these places or is this just Paul’s calling? In other words, how do you apply this verse today?

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Romans 15:14-21 & Isaiah 52:13-53:1.** Paul has quoted from this passage already in Rom. 10:16. Review that verse in its context and write down what you learned in that context.

(b) In Is. 52:15, to what does the phrase “so shall he sprinkle many nations” refer, and what were the kings saying that required their mouths to be shut?

(c) Is. 52:13 is the beginning of the final Servant Song. How is this fact relevant to Paul’s quotation in Rom. 15:21??

(d) Paul says he makes it his “ambition” to preach. What are your life’s ambitions, and how do they compare with Paul’s? With God’s plan to advance His kingdom? With an eternal perspective? How might you realign them to compare more favorably to God’s eternal perspective?

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The Obedience of the Gentiles

In Romans 15:14-21 Paul presents justification for 4 aspects of his ministry to the Gentiles.