

A. Examining the texts.

1. Read Romans 15:14-22. From reading these verses how did Paul see his mission? What was his goal?
2. Read Romans 15:17-22. What was Paul's ambition and what did he want to keep in mind as he went about it?
3. Read Romans 15:23-29. What does this section reveal to you about Paul's travel plans? Where was he going and what was he hoping to do as he went?
4. Read Romans 15:30-33. How did Paul want the believers in Rome to partner with him and what did he specifically want them to pray for?

B. Meditation & application

5. What does Paul's way of seeing himself in Romans 15:14-16 reveal to us about his mission and in what ways does his self-perception inform how we might see ourselves as we participate in the mission of God?
6. What does Romans 15:17-22 say about the means of Paul's mission and how is this relevant as we seek to continue the mission? Who was Paul's target audience and what justification did he give for this? Do you think that this ambition is something that should guide us as we seek to do mission?
7. Paul was a pioneer missionary of note. What does Romans 15:23-33 teach us about the nature of his partnership with local churches? Do you think there are any lasting lessons from Paul's interaction with the Roman church and his own mission? If so- what can we learn about missions and partnering with missionaries?

Dear heavenly Father- Thank you for the apostle Paul and what you did in his life to call him into the mission of God. We pray that like him we would have great ambition for the gospel and eagerly seek to engage in the mission that God is calling us to. We pray this in Jesus' Mighty Name- Amen.